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I am a licensed professional counselor in Portland and have been practicing in private practice for the past 10 years. The lack of insurance reimbursement, fueled by lack of enforcement of the parity law for mental health services, has severely and negatively impacted many of my clients who are truly struggling with mental health issues. I have also experienced insurance companies trying to limit payments by requesting punitive chart reviews which require hours of unpaid professional time to address. The costs for therapists providing services are going up, while at the same time insurance companies are trying to minimize payments. Often clients are unable to receive adequate care because although they have insurance, the insurance won't reimburse for mental health care.

I am urging you to help with these important issues by supporting senate bill 860.

Thank you,

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