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To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to express my support for SB 860! I would like you to do the same!

Senate Bill 860 will finally start the process of requiring insurance companies to reimburse mental health professionals in an equivalent manner to how they reimburse physicians. It will also start the process of ending aggressive or punitive utilization reviews of mental health services, including over-management and underpayment of CPT 90837 sessions.

It will require state enforcement of the existing Oregon Mental Health Parity Law to ensure Oregon consumers have full access to needed mental health services.

Mental health and psychosocial wellbeing has a significant effect on physical health, utilization of resources, productivity, and societal health to say the least. Ensuring that people have access and providers are supported helps to ensure that everyone thrives.

Please support this bill!

Warmly,

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