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The Honorable Paul Holvey  
Chair, Business and Labor Committee  
900 Court St. NE, H-277  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: House Bill 2858 - SUPPORT**

Dear Representative Holvey:

Kartini Clinic for Children and Families supports HB 2858.

As Oregon's most established pediatric eating disorder treatment program, and an international destination for families seeking effective remedies for these devastating childhood brain illnesses, Kartini Clinic endorses this effort to strengthen consumer rights in Oregon.

We contend that Oregon's consumers remain poorly served by existing enforcement mechanisms in the area of behavioral health care. And we are hardly alone in expressing our strong concerns.

On September 22, 2016 the Tri-County Behavioral Health Providers Association, representing 33 community behavioral health providers in the Portland Metro area, including Kartini Clinic, sent a letter to Commissioner Cali Robison detailing a long but hardly exhaustive list of discriminatory and alleged illegal business practices and conduct against some of Oregon's most vulnerable populations. Said letter is attached to this testimony.

And despite passing legislation designed to prevent it, such alleged illegal conduct continues unabated. Clearly, there still exists a need to strengthen further enforcement of existing consumer protections in Oregon. HB 2858 could help to do so.

Sincerely,

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