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 Support SB 860

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Dear Legislators,

Some years ago Mental Health Parity was passed and made law in our State. At the time, it was hailed as a landmark in providing access to care for our fellow citizens in need. Senate Bill 860 is designed to bring another level of fairness and help insure practitioners are available to provide care for those in need. Multiple practitioners have left the private practice mental health care field due to varying levels of reimbursement that are inadequate to sustain the care provided under the same procedure codes as practitioners holding different degrees.

SB860 would level the reimbursement schedule for same services provided and help keep more providers in private practice to serve the unmet needs of citizens who seek treatment.

Without SB860 more practitioners will leave private practice and work in different settings that will lead to fewer resources being available to those seeking services.

I urge you to pass SB860 which will work to relieve the shortage of providers that exists in the marketplace. It is the fair thing to do.

Sincerely,

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