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As a licensed clinical social worker in private practice in Portland, I am writing to request your support of Senate Bill 860 that will start the process of requiring insurance companies to reimburse mental health professionals in an equivalent manner to how they reimburse physicians, ending aggressive or punitive utilization reviews of mental health services (including over-management and underpayment of CPT 90837 sessions) and requiring state enforcement of the existing Oregon Mental Health Parity Law to ensure Oregon consumers have full access to needed mental health services.

Research has proven that good mental health care saves medical care dollars overall. Passing this bill will directly impact myself, my clients and my colleagues in the mental health field.

Please, please support this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lark Ryan, LCSW