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To Whom I May Concern:

We strongly support SB 860 because 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.**

Our clients and patients have been harmed by poor enforcement of Oregon's Mental Health Parity Law but denying them important services when they do not pay for 55" sessions, when they arbitrarily change contract terms, in some cases forcing therapists to take a 30% cut in reimbursement, delaying payment, requiring expensive case reviews that burden therapists and do not help improve client care. When we are unable to let clients know their benefit amounts and then after 3 - 4 sessions, find out their insurance has been changed, reimbursement rates have been changed leaving the client with a larger than estimated bill.

Please vote in favor of this important bill. Quality mental health services ends up costing insurance companies less when their clients are relieved of stress, anxiety and depression that when untreated, lead to more surgical referrals, more emergency care and more expensive specialty referrals. When clients get better, they are healthier.

Thank you for your time and the important work you do.

Warmly,

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