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I oppose and I ask the Oregon Legislature and specifically the Behavioral Healthcare Committee to oppose HB2493.

1. My opposition to HB2493

- a. The government's role is to safeguard all citizens from undo harm while honoring constitutional rights and fiscal responsibility. This would include the rights of "alternative well-being care" professions. States do not have the constitutional authority to regulate an occupation that does not pose an imminent risk of harm to the public as unregulated.
- b. Registration is not necessary for vocations that do not pose a significant overall risk of harm to the public. There are less restrictive means of creating laws and of notifying consumers regarding the services being provided. Furthermore, less restrictive means are much more fiscally reasonable.
- c. The definition of "alternative well-being care" focuses on behaviors that are basic, normal human behaviors in which all people participate in order to address personal growth and alleviate emotional suffering. To give the impression that these helping behaviors are dangerous or promoting certain individuals and businesses who provide these helping vocations and human behaviors, over others, would be detrimental to the fabric of society. It endangers the rights of decent human beings to offer care and support to each other, especially within families and those faith-based institutions and sovereign nations who have long standing methods of support and ritual to address the overall health of people in our communities.
- d. It minimizes, rather than promotes the responsibility for individual health to the individual, rather than to the government whereas Oregon's current record of "population health" is dismal, including obesity, depression, the abuse of controlled drugs and dependency on government programs for disability in lieu of the dignity of honest work, i.e., the government has promoted a victim mentality
- e. Registration, certification, and/or licensing do not guarantee embodied competence as we have plenty of questionably competent well certified and/or licensed providers in our state as evidenced by social media and press worthy news.
- f. Unlike popular belief, registration, giving some visibility to available services, does not guarantee more customers for alternative care-giving professions as trust in business is well known to be created through referrals.
- g. The idea that the government turn the broad authority for future rulemaking of "alternative well-being care" professions over to "Health Licensing Office" blindly assumes they have the expertise and fiscal wherewithal to determine standards

of practice, scope of practice, and standards of professional conduct for a wide range of *continuously advancing professions*:

2. My name is Jan Irene Miller. I am a Leadership Consultant. I am prepared to work with the legislative leadership and a coalition of stakeholders to prepare a bill (Oregon LC 3591) which will accomplish the following:
 - a. give Oregonians the right to SAFELY choose their healthcare providers whether they be licensed, certified or not
 - b. require professional unlicensed healthcare providers to disclose their qualifications, educational background and experience to the requesting client before treatment
 - c. ask Oregonians to be responsible for reviewing the above-mentioned qualifications before engaging in a care receiving signed agreement
 - d. outline clear guidelines to unlicensed healthcare providers of “prohibited acts” which both safeguards clients and maintains respect for their role and the roles of other licensed medical professionals and their legal protections and liabilities
 - e. support the legally protected growth and flourishing of the thousands of care-giving professionals and their modalities to the population of Oregon so desperately in need of affordable healthcare

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