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On Behalf Of:

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I strongly support HB2757. As a Nurse Practitioner in Jackson County Oregon caring for patients over the last 10 years I have been faced with an increasing number of Oregonians who are struggling with their mental health. There are not enough providers to support and treat our community. Many mental health crises occur outside of regular clinic hours. Many residents end up in the emergency room or jail unnecessarily and sometimes die because of inadequate services. We can not afford to not continue to increase emergency mental health care from the 988 call, mobile crisis team to stabilization and connection to ongoing local services. In Southern Oregon we are in the early stages of expanding services. Please support this bill so we have a funding stream to continue this important work.