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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2455

My name is Jillynn Garcia and I am an LMFT in Portland, Oregon. I am writing to ask you to pass HB2455.

Please end the abusive practice of insurance companies using audits as an income stream. Counselors deserve to know what is expected in audits so they can know how to document to pass them. As a professional, I strive for accuracy, transparency, and clarity in record keeping. Insurance companies should be held to a similar standard, and limits should be placed on audits so that providers do not have to live in fear by simply taking insurance. These fear tactics impact clinicians choices to join insurance panels which has a direct impact on access to services in our communities. Passing this bill will increase access to care in our state. If we've learned anything over the past several years is that these systems need oversight and correction in the service of the greater good. I trust that each of us has been personally impact by someone with mental health needs. This is a chance to make a change for good. Thank you.