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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2455

I am writing to ask for support of HB 2455. Three years ago my son took his own life. In the months preceding his suicide he had sought out therapy for his depression. He was covered under OHP but was unable to find a therapist who was a) willing to accept Trillium and; b) accept new patients. Consequently he was unable to get help. Please remove these burdensome requirements for mental health providers. Oregon has too many therapists who are unwilling to take patients because of them. These are real life and death circumstances.