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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2455

I am a licensed clinical professional counselor with a private practice in Beaverton, Oregon. I've been a fully licensed provider in Oregon since 2012, and I've run my own private practice since 2016. I'm asking that you please pass HB2455 to protect the rights of mental health providers in Oregon and to make mental health services more accessible to Oregon residents. Current laws do not provide adequate protections to small businesses and sole proprietors, which discourages many providers from accepting insurance and therefore limits access to necessary mental health care for many Oregon residents.

Please end the abusive practice of insurance companies using audits as an income stream. Therapists and counselors deserve to know what is expected in audits so they can know how to document to pass them. Limits should be placed on audits so that providers who take insurance don't have to live in fear. Passing this bill will increase access to care in our state. Please pass this bill. Thank you for your consideration.