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To:

Members of the Oregon House of Representatives
State Capitol
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Dear Members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

I am writing to you on behalf of Shangri-La, an outpatient behavioral health clinic based in Salem and Eugene. As the director of Shangri-La's behavioral health services, I am committed to advocating for policies that improve access to mental health care for the people of Oregon. I am writing today to express my strong support for House Bill 3229, a piece of legislation that I believe will have a positive and lasting impact on the mental health care system in our state.

At Shangri-La, we see firsthand the critical need for improved access to behavioral health services. House Bill 3229 addresses several key challenges that providers face when looking to expand services in Oregon — Namely, reducing barriers for providers in their efforts to start new programs and expand capacity, and credential new licensed and unlicensed behavioral health professionals more quickly. Fewer administrative process delays and shorter timelines in the credentialing and provider enrollment process means that new programs can open their doors sooner, newly hired staff can begin providing the services they are trained to provide more quickly, and agencies working to expand program capacity will be able to offset staffing expenses with actualized revenue sooner. All of this will help ensure that individuals

who need mental health services can access them quickly and without unnecessary delays.

I urge you to support House Bill 3229 and advocate for its passage. By doing so, you will be directly contributing to improving the quality of life for countless Oregonians who rely on mental health services for their well-being.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Bradley Leland
Director of Behavioral Health
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