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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2029

Dear Chairman Nosse and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care:

My name is Deb Marinos and I am a LPC in Sherwood Oregon. I have been practicing for 4 years.

I am writing this letter in support of HB2029.

I believe Insurance audits are needed to limit fraudulent behavior. However, they must not be arbitrary and be based on ambiguous or frivolous errors. Otherwise access to affordable mental health care to the people of Oregon will disappear. It has already decreased drastically.

Please help clarify and limit what is truly fraud and what documentation is required. As a person with years of experience in community MH health, newly in private practice, and with specialized skills to help people, I have avoided taking insurance because nowhere was a clear list of audit requirements. I also heard many stories of audits that were based on completely irrelevant criteria that changed at a whim.

Why would I want this stress? I have spent years, passing audits of many kinds without any red flags. I am careful to comply with rules and ethics. But with no rules - well thats a gamble I am not comfortable with.

Thank you for supporting this bill.  
Sincerely

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