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

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee,

I am a Licensed therapist practicing in Silverton Oregon, and a member of the Western Oregon Mental Health Alliance (WOMHA). I am writing in support of HB 2029 because health insurance audits and clawbacks place significant burden on behavioral health providers, which creates downstream negative effects on Oregonians who need behavioral health care. Current Oregon law allows insurers too much leeway and significantly disadvantages solo behavioral health providers and small practices. HB 2029 makes sensible reforms to the law that will support behavioral health providers who want to take insurance and increase access to behavioral health care for all Oregonians. Please vote to move HB 2029 forward.

I am dedicated to the work that I do and hope to be able to keep providing quality mental health care to my community. I'm concerned if the insurance industry is allowed to continue to operate without adequate oversight I and many others in my field may not be able to afford to continue our work.