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Re: HB 3761 Art Therapy Insurance Reimbursement

To: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

I am writing to express my support of House Bill 3761, which supports art therapist licensure levels and insurance reimbursement. I work in a non-profit mental health clinic setting, where I have had the pleasure of working with an art therapist to support the well being of the clients and community we care for. Working together has shown me how beneficial art therapy can be as it allows for creative expression of emotions and can be used as a non-verbal tool for processing trauma. Additionally, art therapy allows for children, non-native English speakers and differently abled clients to communicate without words. Learning expressive art approaches from my art therapist colleagues has vitally expanded my clinical practice and added to the cache of therapeutic tools that support healing for those in need.

It is my hope that you will see the importance of HB3761, which promotes licensure and payment on par with other master's level behavioral health providers. Your support will reduce redundancy of work being completed by multiple licensing boards in Oregon and provide a path for reimbursement for services provided by art therapists. Both of these will lead to improved quality and access to care for Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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