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As a solo private practice behavioral health provider, I respectfully urge your support for HB 4028. In my practice, I have only one biller supporting the administrative side of care, and we do not have the capacity of larger organizations to manage complex and constantly changing audit demands. Current audit practices can involve extensive documentation requests, retroactive reviews reaching back years, and payment recoupments for minor technical issues rather than true errors in care. The time and financial strain this creates pulls attention away from patient care and threatens the sustainability of independent community providers. I support appropriate oversight and efforts to prevent fraud; however, there must be a more balanced approach. Clear standards, reasonable timelines, and greater transparency in the audit process would allow providers like me to remain focused on delivering essential behavioral health services while still maintaining accountability.