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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4028

Dear policymakers,

I am writing in support of HB 4028, an innovative measure to protect mental health parity and to protect practitioners and provider organizations from the whims of insurance company clawbacks. As you know, Oregon has among the worst rates of mental health symptoms in the nation. Increasing Oregonians' access to mental health services requires creating a favorable environment for mental healthcare providers. At present, many mental healthcare providers fear credentialing with insurance companies due to the byzantine, draconian, and capricious ways many of the organizations operate. This bill will regulate insurance companies and prevent actions that threaten providers' livelihoods, and the continuity and integrity of mental healthcare.

Please support this bill in order to support the welfare of Oregonians.

Sincerely,
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