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

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to reiterate my strong support for HB 402B.

As a mental health provider, this bill would directly support both my individual and group practice and significantly increase my ability to serve individuals with mental health needs. HB 402B would allow me to expand access to care, reduce barriers for clients, and respond more effectively to the growing demand for mental health services in my practice and in the broader community.

Mental health providers across Oregon are seeing increased need and acuity, and policies like HB 402B are essential to ensuring we can continue providing timely, ethical, and sustainable care. This bill represents a meaningful step toward strengthening Oregon's mental health system and supporting those of us doing this work on the ground every day.

I appreciate your consideration and your continued commitment to improving access to mental health care for Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,  
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