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On Behalf Of:
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Regarding HB 4083
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My name is Ka Rin Johnson and I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, living and working in the state of Oregon. I own a private counseling practice located in the City of Salem, and have worked within the state government for the last 25 years.

I am providing written testimony about why I am opposed to HB 4083.

This bill was put forth without gathering information from the membership of the Board of Licensed Social Workers, and will have several unintended consequences for all licensed social workers in Oregon. The lack of transparency, reporting of future cost, and long term understanding of the unintended consequences of the changes addressed in this bill are of particular concern to me. I believe it is in the best interest of the behavioral health providers in the state to craft thoughtful and informed legislation that will improve the current state of mental health treatment in our state.

I chose to provide testimony against this bill, because this was the only avenue to use my voice and participate in this process. Consolidating the Board of Licensed Social Workers (BLSW) with the Mental Health Regulatory agency, and allowing social workers to be provided supervision from other professionals who are outside of our field requires careful consideration and understanding of potential consequences.

I want to thank you for accepting my testimony. Your consideration of these matters is very much appreciated.

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