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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Behavioral Health

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4115

Dear Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health,

I'm writing today to express my wholehearted support for HB 4115. As a resident of Oregon, I have seen firsthand the impact of our behavioral health workforce shortage. Friends, family members, and neighbors have experienced long wait times for mental health support, often in critical moments. At the same time, qualified professionals ready to step in are sitting idle—caught in a system bogged down by delays and unnecessary administrative burdens.

This bill recognizes the urgency of this moment. By streamlining the licensure process without sacrificing rigor, we can make sure that qualified individuals are able to serve our communities faster. Oregon has already lost too much time and too many talented providers to this broken system. I encourage you to move this legislation forward and give our behavioral health network the chance to function as it should.