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I offer my comment in strong support of HB 4028. I am a licensed psychologist in private practice and as such, serve a crucial role in supporting my clients' mental health and overall well-being. In our current healthcare system, insurance companies wield outsized power over the entire systems that govern our provision of services and ability to practice sustainably. Because of the current challenges created by these systems, many private practice clinicians opt to not take insurance at all. This is a tragedy that reduces access to services except for those with substantial means. It feels important to me personally and professionally to contact with insurance companies in order to increase access and equity for my clients, but the constant threat of unexpected clawbacks make this very difficult as an individual provider. My family relies on my income. There are so many far-reaching problems in our healthcare system created by insurance companies. While HB 4028 won't solve all of these, it will take a strong step in the direction of protecting providers and our ability to continue providing care to our clients.