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On Behalf Of: Oregonians  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4028

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor and WOMHA member running a private practice located in Portland, OR and serving clients throughout the state.

I am writing to ask you for your support for HB 4028, the Behavioral Health Protection Bill.

While we have made some gains in protecting Oregon residents from lack of mental health parity in our state, HB 4028 is required to ensure insurance company compliance with the law.

I want to stay on insurance panels and continue to provide competent and experienced care for people who struggle with mental health and substance use disorders. I also need to keep my business solvent. If I am spending time dealing with aggressive insurance audits and payment clawbacks posing as “medical management, “ I will not be able to provide behavioral health care to vulnerable Oregonians who deserve to utilize their insurance benefits.

Behavioral health impacts all residents of Oregon. Thank you for your consideration and support of HB 4028.

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