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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Michael Rivera, and I am here today in support of House Bill 4070 and the -A1 amendments, which clarify and modernize Oregon's behavioral health statutes.

Eliminating unnecessary administrative burden and increasing system efficiency is long overdue. These updates are essential to strengthening the behavioral health workforce, reducing waste, and improving access to timely, equitable care for Oregonians.

The -A1 amendment supports the Oregon Health Authority in clarifying meaningful, quality- and consumer safety-informed standards for mental health and substance use disorder service delivery. This ensures that individuals utilizing the Oregon Health Plan receive services that meet Oregon's expectations for quality, safety, and accountability.

Oregon-based behavioral health providers and individuals licensed in Oregon currently deliver telehealth services across a wide range of care models, including telehealth, outreach, and in-office services. This flexibility allows providers to meet individuals where they are and tailor care to their needs. The -A1 amendment does not jeopardize telehealth delivery. Rather, the true barriers to telehealth access are funding limitations and insufficient access to reliable technology and broadband infrastructure.

The -A1 amendment promotes clarity, safety, and quality for consumers while also strengthening Oregon's behavioral health workforce. Supporting services delivered by practitioners who are licensed or based in Oregon ensures that Oregonians are employed in these critical roles and that local communities benefit from workforce investment.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to strengthening Oregon's behavioral health system.

Respectfully,
G. Michael Rivera
Operations Manager
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Here's why this version works:

- Shorter sentences.
- Stronger executive tone.
- Clear structure.
- No filler.
- No emotional language.
- Policy-focused and workforce-centered.

This reads like someone who understands systems — not just operations.

Now let me ask you something:

Are you delivering this in person? If so, we should tighten it further into a 90-second spoken version.
