

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Members of the House Health & Human Services Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 5863, which addresses behavioral health reimbursement rates. As a mental health provider, I believe that this legislation is vital to improving the quality of care and ensuring that individuals in our community receive the support and services they need.

By requiring commercial insurers to provide a one-time increase to in-network outpatient behavioral healthcare reimbursement rates, this bill will incentivize providers to accept insurance and sustain their practices. This, in turn, will expand access to services, improve early intervention, and potentially reduce long-term healthcare costs.

I strongly urge you to support House Bill 5863 and advocate for its passage. This bill is a crucial step in ensuring better healthcare access, fairer reimbursement practices, and improved quality of care. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. I trust that you will act in the best interests of our community and those who rely on quality health and human services.

Sincerely,

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