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To whom it may concern,

I took a second to review the proposed changes to the OR worker's comp fee schedule and was shocked to see massage units reduced by nearly 10%. That, and nearly every other rehab-centered CPT code has been reduced. I run a successful rehab-based chiropractic, physiotherapy, and massage clinic in Hillsboro. Most of our patients' care is reimbursed through PIP coverage or work comp insurance.

I bend over backwards to provide healthy, living wages, cover 100% of my staff's medical, vision, and dental premiums, and am in the process of instituting a 401K plan. A loss of 10% collections could literally be 100% of what I take home for the year. I guarantee the proposed fee changes will cost the jobs and/or benefits of, and shorten the hours of, hundreds or thousands of workers, across Oregon.

Small businesses trying to create a better world for everyone should never be squeezed in exchange for extending the profits of SAIF and State Farm.

Thank you for your time. I will be monitoring the situation, closely.

Yours in service,
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