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ATTN: Chair Klein and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

I am writing on behalf of Fernbrook Family Center to express our sincere appreciation for including SF4365 in the Senate Commerce Omnibus.

Clinical trainees are essential to the continuum of care. They receive the same foundational training as fully licensed clinicians, along with additional supervision and oversight that ensures high-quality services. Reimbursing therapy services at the same rate would enable agencies to expand the number of clinical trainees they employ—directly increasing access to care for clients while building a sustainable and well-prepared workforce for the future.

Fernbrook Family Center employs 131 therapists, including 71 clinical trainees. These 71 individuals represent the next generation of independently licensed clinicians.

We are grateful for this committee's continued leadership and commitment to building a stronger, more sustainable mental health system, and we urge your continued support of these critical provisions.

Thank you!

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