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Balance & Hearing Clinic, Inc.

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Dear Chairman Berry and the House Business and Labor Committee,

Tracy Hayden,
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Crystal Dvorak,
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I thank you for your time and consideration of Senate Bill 192. I am Douglas Rehder, Au.D, Doctor of Audiology practicing in Billings, Montana. It is my belief that the citizens of the state of Montana should be able to select the healthcare provider of their choice, without concern about or the effect of insurance company discrimination. As a Dr. of Audiology I should not be discriminated against as a viable healthcare provider due to the absence of my professions name in MAC. 33-22-111 known as the "Freedom of Choice of Practitioners". Based upon our education and scope of practice as defined by Montana statue we Audiologists and Speech Pathologists deserve to be included in MT. MAC 33-22-111. As previously mentioned this code is titled "Freedom of Choice" and I ask that you give the people of Montana the freedom to select the healthcare provider of their choice by supporting Senate Bill 192.

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of Audiology
American Institute
of Balance

By supporting this bill you will insure that the appropriate time will be spent obtaining an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment plan for the patient. Currently we are unable to bill for E&M (evaluation & management) codes. E&M is critical for the provision of appropriate and effective healthcare. Initial accurate diagnosis and correct initial treatment plan has the potential of reducing overall healthcare costs. I ask that you give serious consideration supporting Senate Bill 192 and please feel free to contact me if you should have questions.

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Sincerely,



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