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Dear San Diego Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter to voice SUPPORT for *A Resolution Opposing Kaiser Permanente's Attempt to Reduce Mental Health Therapists' Patient Management Time* in your agenda. Kaiser Permanente mental health clinicians in San Diego should have the same amount of time as their counterparts in Northern California, to perform critical patient care duties including calling social services agencies, working with parents of young patients, and general patient care planning.

Currently, full-time Kaiser therapists in Northern California receive approximately 7 hours per week for these tasks, approximately double the amount of time afforded to therapists in Orange County. Providing less time for Kaiser therapists in San Diego to perform critical patient care tasks as their counterparts in Northern California creates an unequal system of care that unfairly disadvantages Kaiser members in San Diego.

This resolution sends a strong message to Kaiser that the San Diego Board of Supervisors understands the importance of accessible mental health care and demands that Kaiser members in San Diego are treated fairly.

I urge a YES vote on this matter.

Sincerely,

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