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Dear Oregon Legislature,

I've been taking care of cancer patients for over 30 years, and I've learned a lot from my patients. Despite the advances we've made in curing cancer, the quality of life of many of our patients is diminished and this troubles me greatly.

I've led research teams, raised a billion dollars for cancer research, and won awards...and yet, one of the best things I've ever done is raise three wonderful children. I am confident that my children will give back, that they will be good Oregonians, and I have some satisfaction in thinking that someday I might have grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family is important to me; but this dream is out of reach for an entire group of cancer patients whose treatments have left them unable to have families of their own.

These patients did not ask to have cancer. They asked that we help them live through that diagnosis, able to live long and productive lives. We've done that, but we've also taken something from them — their ability to have children — and that's not fair.

The cost to provide fertility preservation measures, in the overall scheme of things, is small. I ask you to join me in supporting legislation to preserve these efforts, so these people can live their dreams the way we live ours. I ask you to please vote for this bill, because it's the right thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Druker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Druker" clearly legible.

Brian J. Druker, M.D.