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Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure: SB1530

Dear Committee Member,

As an Oregon resident who cares deeply about those struggling to build their family in our state, I strongly urge you to pass the infertility insurance bill before you, which will help Oregonians build their families when faced with cancer or other conditions that can cause infertility. Oregon families need your support now.

I need your support, along with the 1 in 8 couples in our state living with the disease of infertility and the thousands of Oregonians diagnosed with cancer during their reproductive years.

My husband and I are so lucky to finally be expecting our first child this May after 2 years of struggling through multiple pregnancy losses and an infertility diagnosis. We were able to start IVF treatments last year thanks to him getting a new job with an awesome insurance plan. Even with that, we still paid a high out of pocket maximum that we are privileged enough to be able to afford. I know many others struggling with the cost of fertility treatments & medication who do not have such comprehensive insurance plans and have to decide whether to drain their savings in order to start a family. Infertility was not something we ever expected to battle when we decided to start growing our family, and the emotional toll it takes is difficult enough without the added stress of insurance coverage and debilitating medical bills.

It is time for Oregon to update its insurance laws to include coverage for the standard of care for patients with infertility and those diagnosed with cancer or other conditions that may cause infertility. By passing this pro-family legislation, Oregon will join 19 other states across the nation that help hardworking families get access to medically necessary treatments while only minimally impacting insurance premiums, if at all. States with IVF insurance have lower rates of multiple births than states without IVF coverage, and lowering multiple births decreases overall health care costs and results in healthier babies and healthier moms.

Please support Oregon families by moving this pro-family bill forward. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Stephanie DuBois