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I am a Clinical Audiologist in OR. I work with a diverse patient population that includes following babies with hearing loss all the way into adulthood. I have witnessed firsthand how a hearing loss can significantly impact a child's life. And I've also witnessed firsthand how a limited or lack of insurance coverage can significantly impact a child's life even more. Children with hearing loss can thrive in all the ways any other child can IF they have the technology and resources they need. When insurance coverage falls short, our children lose out on meeting developmental milestones, educational success, and social involvement. It is imperative that this bill passes so our kids are not refused the tools that they need to succeed. PLEASE pass this bill for our kids, for our future - for their future.