

Date: March 16, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Siani Donnellan

RE: Support HB 2002

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, Members of the Committee:

My name is Siani Donnellan and I am writing to express **support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care**, which will help create a future in which everyone in Oregon has the ability to make decisions about their own bodies and access the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender affirming health care.

Access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care is a basic human right. Washington state enacted very similar legislation to this bill in 2021, and there has been very little fiscal impact to the state. Like any other form of life-saving health care, gender-affirming care should be accessible.

As a woman, as member of the LGBTQ+ community, and as a friend to many individuals who have relied on access to abortion and/or gender-affirming care, I urge you to uphold the rights of all people in this community. Time and again, Oregonians have affirmed their support for making abortion safe and accessible to all. This state has long valued the right to choose when and whether to start a family and the right to bodily autonomy. With more and more states enacting abortion bans and stripping individuals of their right to healthcare, maintaining strength in our state's resolution to provide for the people remains more important than ever.

This is why I urge your yes vote on HB 2002. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Siani Donnellan