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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Date: March 19, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Holly Brewster

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Holly Brewster and I am writing in support of HB 2002. It is important to have actual access to legally available care – by closing insurance gaps and ensuring services are available in rural areas. It is important that providers' privacy is protected and that they are protected from criminal and civil liability.

I moved to Oregon from Texas almost 2 years ago and am proud to live and pay taxes in a state that has the most protective reproductive laws in the nation. It is important to me that we lead the nation in this conversation because it is right and ethical and provides a beacon of hope to our neighbors who are experiencing less bodily autonomy every day.

This bill is also important to me because I am Unitarian Universalist and I believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and justice, equity, and compassion – people must have the right and ability to make choices about their own body and the government must ensure equitable access to those resources needed to make those choices.

I urge you to pass HB2002. I support abortion care, full spectrum reproductive healthcare and gender affirming because of my religious beliefs and because I lived for more than 40 years in a state (Texas) that did not fully protect these rights and have now watched them be taken away.

Thank you,  
Holly Brewster