

Date: March 19, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Kady DeVore

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Kady DeVore 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.

HB 2002 centers those who face the most barriers to accessing care in policy-making and resourcing. The recommendations from Speaker Rayfield's Reproductive Health and Access to Care Work Group were developed in lockstep with impacted communities, providers, and organizations working on the ground to meet this moment. These recommendations include but are not limited to:

- **Protecting Providers and Health Centers:**
 - Protecting providers' ability to provide care to all patients who seek gender affirming care and reproductive healthcare in Oregon
 - Preventing interference with health care centers and protecting providers from harassment and abuse
 - Ensuring the confidentiality and privacy of providers is protected
- **Expanding Access to Care:**
 - Closing gaps in: insurance coverage for gender affirming care, contraception access on OHP, and reproductive healthcare services at public universities
 - Enhancing access to care in medically-underserved regions through a pilot mobile health clinic program
 - Addressing reproductive health care deserts by expanding services at existing health centers at public institutions
- **Ensuring Fundamental Rights:**
 - Protecting individuals from prosecution for seeking or supporting reproductive and gender affirming care that is legal in our state
 - Codifying the right to the full spectrum of reproductive care
 - Preventing individuals from being criminalized for any pregnancy outcome

HB 2002 is important to me as someone who has used reproductive healthcare services in the past. In 2016 I was able to exercise my right to bodily autonomy and have a medical abortion. I was privileged enough to live in an urban center with many clinics

available to me, I had a partner who could split the cost with me, and I had easy transportation. This should not be a privilege to some, this should be a right everyone can experience.

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

Sincerely,
Kady DeVore