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On Behalf Of: Basic Rights Oregon
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure: HB2002

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TO: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
FROM: Andrea Platt
RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Andrea Platt and I am writing to express my support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care, in order to help create a future where every Oregonian has the ability and autonomy to make healthcare decisions for themselves on reproductive, sexual and gender-affirming health care.

As a mother, I can attest that the ability to determine if and when to have a child is profoundly personal and that it carries implications across every aspect of a woman's life, from economic to social to professional. Safe access to abortion is essential.

The same holds true for gender-affirming healthcare – and an individual's right to determine how to express an identity that is at the core of their being. Access to gender-affirming medical and healthcare is equally essential. My experience with individuals who have gender dysmorphia, or who identify other than their birth-assigned gender, is that affirming healthcare is essential and in many cases, life-saving.

I urge you to pass HB 2002 and take steps to protect providers and health centers, expand access to care and ensure the fundamental right to self-determination.

Thank you,
Andrea Platt