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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: Sophia Rosenberg

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Sophia Rosenberg 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.

I am a proud member of the LGBTQAI+ community here in Oregon, and it feels like I wake up to an attack on my rights in this country everyday. I can not describe the overwhelming sense of helplessness that I feel reading about states who are preventing people just like me from living safely. This is not too much to ask. Vote to support HB 2002 to protect providers, expand access to care, and ensure fundamental rights into law.

In legislative sessions around the country, reproductive and LGBTQ+ rights are under attack. Wyoming has banned abortion pills. Arkansas has passed a bathroom ban, Kentucky is a signature away from banning instruction on sexual orientation. Georgia, West Virginia, and Florida have all banned gender-affirming healthcare for transgender minors, and Florida's freeze has already gone into effect. Unfortunately, this list continues. Oregon can, and must do better. Now is the time to stand up and proudly defend our state's belief that all people deserve access to care, regardless of their identity or socio-political status.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 2002 to keep people like me safe. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sophia Rosenberg