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Re: HB 2002

My name is Dr. Elizabeth Rubin, I live in Portland Oregon and I am an Obstetrician-gynecologist at OHSU as a subspecialist fellow who cares for cisgender and transgender patients with infertility, recurrent miscarriages and family building and fertility preservation needs. I am writing to express my strong support of HB 2002. As an Ob/Gyn, particularly one who cares for LGBTQ patients, I have seen the way in which inequitable access to reproductive care means has impacted this state. Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of transgender Oregonians do not live near a gender affirming care provider who can see them in a timely fashion. Similarly, $\frac{3}{4}$ of Oregon counties do not have an abortion provider. This bill is critical for addressing these reproductive healthcare deserts by expanding services to meet the needs of Oregonians regardless of which county they live in, and improves our ability to care for all patients who seek gender affirming care and reproductive healthcare in Oregon, regardless of insurance status.

Abortion and gender affirming therapy are essential healthcare, to which all people deserve equal access. I offer my full support of HB 2002 as critical for the health care of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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