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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I am writing to express support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care, which will guarantee the right of all Oregonians to make decisions about their own bodies and access the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender-affirming health care.

For too many Oregonians, comprehensive reproductive healthcare and gender-affirming care are still out-of-reach because of geography, income, or insurance coverage. HB 2002 will help build an equitable future by addressing many of these barriers.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 2002.

Primarily the reproductive healthcare part:

Vote yes on HB 2002.

Individual rights are under attack in this country and it is essential that Oregon explicitly stand up for our individual bodily autonomy and make it clear that reproductive healthcare, including contraception and abortion care, are protected rights in Oregon.

The decision when and if to have children should not be dictated by politicians. HB 2002 solidifies the reproductive rights and autonomy of all Oregonians, helps provide equal access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare including abortion care throughout Oregon, and protects the providers of this healthcare.

I urge you to pass HB 2002.

Primarily the transgender healthcare part:

I urge you to enact HB 2002.

This Bill guarantees the rights of transgender individuals to receive age-appropriate medically necessary healthcare. For too many Oregonians, gender-affirming care is out-of-reach because of geography, income, or insurance coverage. HB 2002 will help provide equitable access to medically necessary healthcare for all Oregonians by addressing many of these barriers.

At a time when Republican legislators across the country are quite literally trying to legislate trans people out of existence, HB 2002 is absolutely essential to make it clear to all gender expansive Oregonians that they have a voice, they are heard, they matter, they belong, and they will get the healthcare they need and deserve.

I urge you to pass HB 2002.