

Submitter: Colin Wolf

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Date: March 20, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Colin Wolf, LPC

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Colin Wolf 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.

Nobody should be denied reproductive care or gender affirming care. In 2023 alone, more than 300 bills attacking LGBTQ+ people have been introduced to state legislatures across the country. Transgender rights in particular are under attack nationwide, and Oregon has an opportunity to continue standing as a leader for LGBTQ+ rights and health care access.

As a mental healthcare provider in Oregon supporting LGBTQ2SIA+ clients for over a decade, I can testify to the importance of access to quality healthcare, including abortion and gender affirming medical care, in improving mental health and quality of life for vulnerable community members.

Oregon can and should continue to lead efforts in the 21st century to develop equity by practicing inclusion of diverse Oregonians and also welcoming Americans fleeing states with regressive laws.

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

Sincerely,
Colin Wolf