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On Behalf Of:

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Hello. My name is Jerrell Williams and I am a local pastor here in Salem/Keizer. I am testifying in favor of HB 2002. I believe that access to gender affirming care and reproductive health is a human need and right and should be accessible through insurance. As a pastor I have seen and heard the pains of many women and young people about how difficult it is to access the care that they need. I have seen the mental, physical, and spiritual toll that it takes when people are not affirmed by their community. People should be allowed to access the care they need without the fear of intimidation or outside interference. This bill will show that all people are valued and that the care they need is accessible and available.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony of support for HB 2002. There are people in need this will help many afford the care they need.

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