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Re: Support for House Bill 2002

Thank you to Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, and the members of the Oregon State Legislature House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care for reviewing this testimony in support of House Bill 2002.

My name is Julia Tasset; I am a clinical fellow at OHSU in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Family Planning. I am a physician completing advanced training in complex contraception and abortion care; my daily functions involve providing evidence-based and patient-centered abortion care.

Since the *Dobbs* decision was released last year, there has been a shift in the national legal landscape for reproductive health care resulting in a "chilling effect," wherein health care providers of patients seeking abortion care operate slowly or not at all, out of fear of legal consequences. They are right to be concerned: civil and criminal statutes in multiple states, including Idaho, Oregon's neighbor to the East, make support for or direct provision of abortion care a crime punishable by substantial financial penalties or incarceration.

Oregon clinicians, like me, have been able to continue providing care, especially to the ever increasing number of patients fleeing restrictive states to find care. We continue working under the threat of these out-of-state laws and at risk to our personal and family's well-being. When I see patients from Idaho, Texas, and many other states, I want to consider the person in front of me, not to be distracted by what laws might be used against me for that same care. House Bill 2002 strengthens privacy measures as well as legal protections to keep Oregon providers focused on what matters: affirming their patient's autonomy to make decisions about their own body. I urge you to pass this important legislation to protect providers who work every day to ensure our state is a refuge for those seeking this vital care.

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