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To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Betsy Boyd-Flynn, Executive Director, Oregon Academy of Family Physicians

RE: Support HB 2002

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

I am writing today on behalf of the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians in support for HB 2002, which protects people seeking gender affirming care and reproductive health care in Oregon, and helps create a future in which everyone in Oregon has the right and ability to exercise self-determination and make decisions about their own bodies.

The OAFP is an organization with more than 1,700 members including physicians and medical students, working in settings ranging from urgent care to hospice care. Our members provide excellent primary care for patients in every corner of the state.

For too many Oregonians, reproductive and gender affirming care are still out-of-reach because of geography, income, or insurance coverage. This decreased access exacerbates existing reproductive health care deserts, especially in Eastern Oregon, as our state experiences a surge in out-of-state patients. The OAFP is committed to expanding the numbers of primary care clinicians who are able to provide reproductive and gender-affirming care.

Of additional concern for our members, some of the laws in other states have contemplated an attempt to reach into Oregon and control how clinicians in Oregon are able to practice medicine, potentially even subjecting them to criminal liability for providing evidence-based care within our borders.

It is essential to ensure the confidentiality and privacy of providers and protect their ability to provide care to all patients who seek gender affirming care and reproductive health care in Oregon, and ensure they are able to care for their patients free of harassment or interference.

The provisions of HB 2002 include many essential protections for clinicians and patients that address these issues. We urge you to vote yes on HB 2002.

Best,

Betsy Boyd-Flynn
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