

Submitter: Erin Hoppin

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Date: March 21, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Erin Hoppin, DO, Samaritan Health Services

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Erin Hoppin and I practice Family Medicine in Corvallis, OR. I am writing to express

support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care, which will help create a future in which every person in Oregon has the ability to make decisions

about their own body and access the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender affirming health care.

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

Access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care is a basic human right.

This bill is impactful to the Corvallis community. I have several patients who have struggled with serious mental health issues which have dramatically improved when they were able to start gender-affirming care.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Hoppin, DO