

Date: March 20, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Georgia Langer, PPAO

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Georgia Langer and I am a sexual health educator and former legislative and electoral fellow at Planned Parenthood. 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.

Reproductive rights have been targeted with great velocity and I am genuinely terrified for my students, friends, and family. The *Dobbs* decision horrifically worsened the public health crisis around abortion care. Not only is health care access being criminalized, but the health inequities it presents are going to create generational consequences. Without further protections, young people, houseless people, people of color, and low-income families are most at risk for further economic and health consequences and now, the threat of criminalization.

I have been a sexual health educator for eight years and I have seen first hand how crucial it is for Oregonians to have access to gender-affirming care and abortion care. It is frightening to think about my students who have been unable to access, and will be unable to access, these basic human rights. Further, OHP has gaps in care in regards to contraceptive access, which is an absolutely crucial healthcare need, and one that myself and my peers use as our only option for insurance. I need this care and so do countless other Oregonians. Insurance care also needs to provide gender affirming care. I have worked and spoken with Oregonians at numerous colleges and universities who need gender affirming care to save their lives. With the countless attacks on trans people, Oregon needs to step up and fight back to protect this essential healthcare and in turn, protect its population.

There are countless reasons for why I urge your yes vote on HB 2002. Please protect us. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Georgia Langer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Georgia Langer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "G".