

Submitter: Anna Persmark

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

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

My name is Anna Persmark, MD, MPH and 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.

Access to the full range of reproductive and sexual health care is a basic human right, and the evidence overwhelmingly supports that gender affirming care and full spectrum reproductive care are safe and at times, life-saving. As a family medicine physician early in my career, I have been proud to practice in the state of Oregon with so many protections for reproductive health and LGBTQ+ care. Any attacks on gender affirming care or reproductive care directly harm my communities and my patients. I hope that Oregon will take a stand in support of gender affirming care and reproductive rights, protecting medical provider's ability to support patients, and making Oregon safer for all.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 2022.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Anna Persmark, MD, MPH