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I am writing to provide my strong support for Oregon HB 2002. I am a full spectrum OBGYN physician and Complex Family Planning subspecialist and have the privilege of taking care of patients throughout their reproductive health journeys. Within the span of any given week I deliver babies, perform abortions, provide miscarriage care, treat ectopic pregnancies, and celebrate with patients' seeing an early pregnancy on ultrasound. I assist patients with fertility evaluation who are trying to get pregnant and give contraception when they do not. Access to all reproductive health services, including abortion, is fundamental to an individual's ability to lead a healthy and full life. It is essential in my role as a physician to provide my expertise and counseling and then provide respect and autonomy in their decision making. As a mother of two, I know that pregnancy and parenting are lifechanging and believe all people deserve the dignity to make decisions about if and when to start a family based on any and all factors important to them. In the comprehensive care I provide, I also know the risks of any pregnancy and have seen first-hand how abortion saves lives. Likewise, control over one's self and body makes gender affirming care crucial to a patient's health and wellbeing. Working at OHSU, Oregon's largest academic referral center, I see patients from across the state. Despite living in the most protective state in the country regarding abortion law, many barriers to access continue to occur daily, creating health inequities. This bill expands access and improves my ability to provide safe, compassionate, respectful, high-quality reproductive healthcare to my patients.