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Good afternoon Chair Reynolds, Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Diana Smith. I am a nurse midwife and Johns Hopkins Public Health Fellow focused at the intersection of addiction and reproductive health. I lead Project Nurture at Legacy Health in Portland and work with the Nurture Coalition, a network of programs around the state that provide addiction treatment and pregnancy care to families impacted by addiction. I ask you today, on behalf of myself and the Nurture Coalition, to pass SB 1039 and renew support for the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative.

As you know, untreated addiction and mental health are a leading cause of maternal death in Oregon, and for every woman who dies, many more are struggling with addiction which impacts the health and wellbeing of their entire family. The Oregon Perinatal Collaborative is leading a 5-year initiative to help address this urgent public health concern. Perinatal collaboratives have proven their impact in this domain, and Oregon hospitals desperately need the support. Beginning in January 2026, the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative will partner with hospitals and kick-off a robust 18-month initiative to close gaps in care for pregnant people with addiction. The OPC will provide our hospitals and frontline workers with the expertise, tools, and technical assistance to make changes in care that would otherwise not be possible.

Please vote yes on SB 1039 to renew funding for the OPC to sustain this critical work and protect the lives of Oregon mothers.

Thank you.

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