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Hello,

I am a mother of an amazing 12 & a half year old son who would not be here were it not for IVF. It was my life dream to become a mother and when that seemed impossible, a 3rd round of IVF was successful in making me the mom I always wanted to be. I am also a psychologist and for the past 7 years have been working with individuals and couples who are struggling with infertility. And for the last year and a half I have been the leader of the support group for the Fertility Center of Oregon. There is no aspect of my life that has not been touched by infertility. The gratitude I feel for having had access to IVF is immeasurable. To know that people I have worked with would not be able to afford to create the families they so deeply long for, is inconceivable. It is clear through my work that the vast majority of my clients would not be able to pursue treatment without the insurance coverage they have. Bill SB 535 is critical for creating an equal opportunity for people to conceive their family, something so basic to being human.