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Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

I write to express my support for SB 535, which would expand coverage of fertility services, including IVF, for thousands of Oregonians.

One in six people struggle with infertility, and for far too many the cost of testing and treatment is an insurmountable barrier to starting a family.

When we receive life-changing medical diagnoses, we expect to be able to rely on our insurance to protect us from financial calamity. Infertility is recognized as a disease by leading medical authorities. Healthcare is a human right, and consequently it's time that insurance coverage assured access to treatment for infertility as it does for other medical conditions.

Infertility can be a challenging, isolating experience. The decision to have children is among the most profound choices a person can make, and lack of coverage should never be the determining factor for people making that choice. Oregon has long been a leader in reproductive freedom and bodily autonomy, and by closing this glaring gap in coverage we can live up to that proud tradition.

I urge the committee to support Oregon families and SB 535.

Respectfully,

April Dobson