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As an Oregon resident who cares deeply about those struggling to build their family in our state, I strongly urge you to pass SB 535, which will help Oregonians build their families when faced with infertility, cancer or other conditions that can cause infertility. Oregon families need your support now. My husband and I tried for years to get pregnant. We saved up but still had to refinance our car to get the extra money to be able to afford IVF. Thanks to IVF we have our beautiful two-year-old. We are still paying off the debt we got into to have him. It would have been so helpful and less stressful to have been able to go through IVF with the help of insurance. I need your support, along with the 1 in 6 in our state living with the disease of infertility and the thousands of Oregonians diagnosed with cancer during their reproductive years. It is time for Oregonians to receive comprehensive insurance coverage for the medical care needed to build their families. As proven in other states, insurance covering vitro fertilization (IVF) decreases the chance of multiple births, and lowering multiple births decreases overall health care costs and results in healthier babies and healthier parents. Please support Oregon families by moving SB 535, the Oregon Family-Building Act, forward. Thank you! Sincerely, Ashley Damitz