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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. I am a mother of a 12 yr/old son who was conceived via IVF. I am also a psychologist who works with clients struggling with infertility. And I am also the leader of the support group at the Fertility Center of Oregon. My personal and professional experiences make it abundantly clear that so many people who long to be parents would not be able to have the family they dream of without the financial support of their insurance policies. Creating a family is a basic desire and all people should have an equal opportunity to have that need met. 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, Nicole Brule