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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. Infertility has affected my husband and I in an absolutely devastating way. Without appropriate insurance coverage our workup, diagnosis and treatment were severely delayed and limited. We were left to pay out-of-pocket for many basic aspects of our medical care in attempt to build a family. The lack of affordable and accessible interventions left us childless not by choice. I strongly feel we may have had a different outcome if infertility was recognized by the state of Oregon and covered by insurance. As a medical provider, who makes many sacrifices to care for Oregonians, I find it unacceptable that we are behind in moving this forward. Now is the time to fully support moving this bill forward. 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, Crystal Turner