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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. Dear Senator: Did you know not every person diagnosed with infertility goes through with IVF? I'm incredibly grateful that my employer added IVF benefits to our health package in 2022. After 7 long years of my husband and I trying to get pregnant—through heartbreak, loss, and uncertainty—our doctor finally recommended IVF. Thanks to my health insurance, we were able to pursue treatment, and today, we're parents to a smart and adventurous daughter who fills our home with laughter and love. But not every Oregonian has this opportunity. Too many people facing infertility are forced to give up on their dreams of becoming parents simply because they can't afford treatment. That's why I urge you to vote yes on HB2959, so more Oregonians can access the care they need to build their families. Some worry about the cost of offering IVF benefits, but the truth is, not everyone chooses to go through with treatment. Infertility care isn't easy—it's emotionally draining, physically demanding, and logistically complex. But for those who do move forward, they deserve the chance to give it their all. For us, IVF was our last, best hope. I took the medications, followed my doctor's plan, and held on to hope every single day. I now have peace of mind knowing I did everything I could to bring our daughter into this world. I'm forever grateful to my doctor for encouraging me, to my employer for providing the benefit, and to the process that allowed me to become a mother. Today, our family feels complete: two loving parents, one spunky toddler, a grandpa in the guest room, and a three-legged cat who rules the house. Thank you for your leadership and for considering the real impact of HB2959. Please vote yes—for equity, for opportunity, and for Oregon families. Warmly, Ruby Graven 503-798-6240 Portland Oregon Rubygraven@gmail.com 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, Ruby Graven