

February 13, 2015

Dear Chair Greenlick and the members of the House Healthcare Committee:

My name is Ryan Brown, and I work as a personal trainer in Bend. I believe in prioritizing my health care and in taking proactive, preventive measures whenever possible.

In May 2014, I inquired at Planned Parenthood's Central Oregon Health Center about accessing vasectomy, because I'm not interested in having children and I plan on spending my life traveling. Unfortunately, they were unable to schedule an appointment with me at that time and I was added to the waiting list. I waited until December 2014 when I was able to get in at an alternate health center.

I believe that if more providers were available to perform vasectomies, it would have greatly reduced my wait time. As is widely known, increased access to family planning services will decrease the number of unintended pregnancies in Oregon.

I am also comfortable having a vasectomy performed by a trained Nurse Practitioner, as my primary medical provider is a Nurse Practitioner. I urge your support House Bill 2678 to help remedy this gap in access to men's reproductive health care.

Thank you,

Ryan Brown