

February 16, 2015

I just wanted to begin by saying hello to all of you and especially Mitch Greenlick! I also want to personally say thank you so much to the whole community that has come together to help form and create Oregon House Bill 2642. My name is Macie Reinen, and I have two older brothers and live with my mom Heidi, who has supported my brothers and me since day one by herself.

I was only seven years old when I was working side-by-side with my mom as she started our small family business. Since then, I have watched our business grow, one happy client at a time. We have over 12,000 clients in our system now and we literally started with zero. My mom is the only wage earner in the family, and she has three kids that rely financially on her for all of their needs. Laser services and aesthetic services are mostly offered by women for other women. If you deny women like my mother the opportunity to be in business for themselves, you will ruin the lives of small business owners and their families.

Women and men rely on this type of service to improve their appearance and feel good about themselves. I did my research, and this type of service does not require four years of medical school. It can be done by a carefully trained and licensed technician.

I have watched my mom work really, really hard to build her business. I am so proud of my mom. She is my role model and my hero! It makes me so proud to watch my mother continually expand her education and knowledge of skin care, lasers and esthetic services so she can provide better care for her growing clientele and keep the licenses she has obtained up-to-date with all the new technology!

My mom has worked so hard for so many years to support my brothers and me. This has been an awesome opportunity for me to be a part of and to be here now to help support her, and to watch women coming together to create jobs, keep jobs and obtain higher education and opportunities to be self sufficient. Thank you for everyone in this room that has contributed time and effort to this bill. If this bill does not pass, I don't know where that is going to put my family and me because this is how my mom has supported us, and we are one of thousands of families who will suffer.

To representative Greenlick: I read your speech stating why you wanted to be a congressman. You said you wanted to work for a state full of "hope and promise for the future". Please give hope and promise of a future to my mom and thousands of women just like her by supporting House Bill 2642.

Thank you for your consideration and for taking the time to hear my point of view. I pray that you will keep women and my mom in business!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Macie Reinen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Macie Reinen