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To: House Committee on Health Care
From: Charlie Swanson, Health Care for All Oregon
Re: Support for HB 3391, the Reproductive Health Equity Act

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To work for an equitable, affordable, comprehensive, high quality, publicly funded universal healthcare system serving everyone in Oregon and the United States.

Dear Chair Greenlick and members of the committee:

I am writing on behalf of Health Care for All Oregon-Action (HCAO-Action) and Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) to urge you to vote yes on HB 3391, the Reproductive Health Equity Act. We are a coalition of 120 member organizations working together to educate about and advocate for universal publicly funded healthcare in Oregon and the United States. This act is a small step in that direction. It will help ensure that Oregonians have access to necessary reproductive health and family planning services.

This bill is even more important now as the federal government takes actions that may lead to more difficulty in accessing necessary health care services. Our society benefits when women can more reasonably choose and access the reproductive health care and family planning services they need to enable the choices they have made. Our society benefits when this access is equitable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We look forward to continue working with you to help make health care in Oregon more equitable, affordable, and effective for everyone.

Respectfully,

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