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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 18, 2017
TO: Senate Committee on Health Care
FROM: Ava Bartley, FACT Oregon
RE: Support for HB 2839A as amended by "-2" amendment

Chair Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair Kruse and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care:

My name is Ava Bartley, and I am the Advocacy and Engagement Director for FACT Oregon. I am writing to provide testimony in support of **HB 2839A**, as amended by the "-2" amendment to the bill, which prohibits consideration of any disability of a potential recipient of an anatomical gift.

FACT Oregon's mission is to empower Oregon families experiencing disability in pursuit of whole lives in their community. The outcome of our work is families with high expectations for their child and a vision for the future where all communities are accessible, welcoming, and embrace that disability is natural.

Because we believe disability is a natural part of the human condition, we also believe that how we experience disability should not be a disqualifier of our ability to have a whole life, which would include the right to be considered for organ transplantation on the same footing as anyone else, free from discrimination based upon any preconceived notions or judgments about worth or ability to benefit.

We supported this bill on the House side, and we continue to support the idea and intent behind **HB 2839** and the **-2 amendments** to that bill, which work together to ensure individuals experiencing disability have the same rights as everyone else and do not face discrimination in decisions relating to organ transplantation.

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Empower Oregon families experiencing disability in their pursuit of a whole life by expanding awareness, growing community, and equipping families.