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## These Oregonians Urge a YES Vote on HB 3391B, The Reproductive Health Equity Act

All Oregonians need access to comprehensive reproductive health coverage. Yet for too many, access is still out of reach. Thousands of Oregonians have high-deductible insurance plans, meaning they must pay out of pocket for procedures like abortion. Transgender and gender-nonconforming Oregonians can be denied care when their gender marker doesn't match their insurance. And women who give birth in our state but don't have access to care because of their citizenship status face health risks that threaten their lives and the lives of their children.

"How can we ask a woman to choose between the moral, loving decision lodged in her heart and her ability to pay rent and feed herself and her children? These are the tormented knots we tie women into when abortions are technically legal but functionally inaccessible – as they are for thousands of poor people in our state."

*-Hannah*

"More than two years ago I went to the doctor and had a positive screening for cervical cancer. I was denied critical care because my insurance provider denied treatment. The insurance company didn't have a code that would allow a transgender man to have a hysterectomy."

*-Kaden*

"If I had not had access to health care and medication after I gave my birth to my daughter to stop serious medical complications, I don't know what would have happened to me. Post-partum care is imperative because the health of a mother is strongly linked to the health of her children. Mothers who give birth, regardless of citizenship status, deserve to have access to reproductive health care."

*-Gloria*

It doesn't have to be this way. If Oregon passed House Bill 3391, all Oregonians – regardless of their income, citizenship status, gender identity or type of insurance – would have access to the reproductive health care they need.