

March 25, 2019

To: The House Business and Labor Committee and the Senate Workforce Committee

From: Sandra Wilson Re: Support of HB 3031

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sandra Wilson and I am writing with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon and I live in House District 28 and Senate District 14.

As a mother, Paid Family and Medical Leave is an issue that is extremely important to me. It has affected all women across the country for generations. I am here to take action, no mother should have to choose between their job and their children.

I had my children in the 1960s and not much has changed for Paid Family and Medical Leave since then. I was working as a public health nurse, in Minnesota, before I relocated to Oregon. My husband was attending law school at the time and I was the breadwinner. I became pregnant and had to take off 3 months of work, unpaid. I was extremely fortunate for those unpaid 3 months, but it was difficult to manage no income with a newborn baby.

This issue has affected families for too long. I believe that every Oregonian should be able to be their for their family in times of need, or be able to take medical leave for themselves. We can make this happen in Oregon and set an example for the rest of the nation.

Sincerely,

Sandra Wilson