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Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB1530

Dear Committee Member,

As an Oregon resident who cares deeply about those struggling to build their family in our state, I strongly urge you to pass the infertility insurance bill before you, which will help Oregonians build their families when faced with cancer or other conditions that can cause infertility. Oregon families need your support now.

I need your support, along with the 1 in 8 couples in our state living with the disease of infertility and the thousands of Oregonians diagnosed with cancer during their reproductive years.

My husband and I have recently given birth to our blessing and through IVF and having insurance coverage for all who suffer something they didn't ask for is crucial to the well being of Oregon. Suffering through our ivf experience we thought we would never have children and honestly it cost so much more then medical bills it cost our mental health as well because the financial burden was so hard on us. We had no way to pay until my company I work for changed their insurance to cover the procedures needed. Only then we're we able to get pregnant with our daughter and we still have our retirement left for when we are older. Not covering this does cost the state in other ways way more then if they just cover inter fertility

It is time for Oregon to update its insurance laws to include coverage for the standard of care for patients with infertility and those diagnosed with cancer or other conditions that may cause infertility. By passing this pro-family legislation, Oregon will join 19 other states across the nation that help hardworking families get access to medically necessary treatments while only minimally impacting insurance premiums, if at all. States with IVF insurance have lower rates of multiple births than states without IVF coverage, and lowering multiple births decreases overall health care costs and results in healthier babies and healthier moms.

Please support Oregon families by moving this pro-family bill forward. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Merissa Klempel