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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.

After three years of trying to get pregnant, I have recently had success with my latest round of IVF and am expecting my first child in June. This bill is incredibly important to me because behind my recent success are years of struggle, enormous cost, and frustration that as a single parent by design, even if there had been coverage, I could not qualify any kind of supports simply because I am not in a heteronormative relationship. I've paid over \$60,000 of my own money for procedures, medications, appointments, and cryobanks. For me, those costs amounted to 8 IUIs, one egg retrieval, and 4 embryo transfers. I work three jobs to cover these costs on my own but it shouldn't be this burdensome on any family. I consider myself incredibly lucky that I found my success.

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,  
Elena Fracchia  
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