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I'm writing to express my support for insurance coverage for IVF! My dear friend had two ruptured ectopic pregnancies which ended in tube removal and cost about \$150,000 in emergency services. If she had had insurance coverage for IVF, she would have opted for IVF for the second pregnancy and avoided the mental, physical, and financial trauma of the second rupture. Ruptured ectopic pregnancies are a medical emergency and the leading cause of death in the first trimester. The US has a history of ignoring women's health issues and it's time to end that history. Additionally, people who plan their pregnancies are the people I want bringing children into the world! Children deserve parents who want them. Oregon is pro choice, but we sometimes forget about the other side of the coin. It's like dieting (stick with me), most people hyperfocus on eliminating food from their diet, but in order to optimize health, we also have to add nutrients to our diet. It's great that we're helping people who don't want children to not have to have them, but let's also make sure the people who do want children get that opportunity, so we can build a nation of healthy children who turn into healthy adults and build a healthier society! I implore you to do whatever you can to pass legislation to get IVF covered by insurance. Thank you for your time!

With much appreciation,  
Lindy Comrada