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On Behalf Of:  
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.

I was not diagnosed with cancer, but had other complications that prevented me from experiencing fertility and now at 46, I have missed my window of opportunity. I now identify with many other couples who are childless. I will not experience being a mother or a grandmother. I will not have children to pass down family heirlooms too. I do not have family photos hanging and when asked do you have children, my answer will forever be no. This should not be! I should have had the right to insurance in order to correct my disease with a simple procedure to afford the gift of motherhood, but I was robbed of that due to not having the luxury of personal finances to pay for a simple procedure. It was out of my reach because it is "not covered".

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,