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On Behalf Of: SB1530  
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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 daughter and son in law have been trying to have a family for many years. They have been going through fertility treatment for over 3 of those years. They have gone through all their savings and depleted all their financial means to further the medical help they need. It breaks my heart to see them go through all the pain and heart ache. Wanting a child so bad and not being able to further your treatment is so frustrating and heart breaking not only for the ones who are trying but also for their families. I believe this bill will help so many Oregonians including my child.

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, Barbara Orr