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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.

It is too late for me. I am 1 in 8 who is childless due to the inability to afford paying out of pocket for the privilege to start a family. I have looked into my options and now at 46 I was never able to afford it without the help of insurance. I looked into traveling to different countries who understand the importance of having a family and have made it affordable to do so. In a state where we have granted insurance to cover procedures for people choosing to end a life, can't we also grant insurance coverage for those passionate to create a life, and continue their family legacy?

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,