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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB491

My name is Troy and I'm 36 years old and I'm emailing you today in regards to my support of senate bill 491 and reasons why I think it would be beneficial for my family and all Oregonians to receive coverage for fertility treatment. I'm married to a beautiful, strong woman named Amanda who is 34 and with whom I've been together for just over 14 years and married for the last 6 years. We've been trying for the last 12 years to have a family of our own and have endured many hardships and disappointments. For the last 4 years, my wife and I have been seeking fertility treatment with the help of a reproductive endocrinologist and I have witnessed first hand how hard this has been for her. The sacrifices she has made and the embarrassment and discomfort she has endured all to try to give us a family. This process has not been easy for her or I and we had hoped and prayed for positive results and went through all the steps to be told IVF is the next step for us. My wife and I pray constantly that we will be fortunate enough to have a family to give all the love in our hearts.

During this process we've encountered many obstacles and roadblocks as many other Oregonians may have as well and I feel it is wrong to deny coverage and to scrutinize Oregonians and my family alike based on medical needs pertaining to infertility. This issue deserves coverage as does anything else covered by insurance policies and families like mine who need coverage and are not being treated equally and are being discriminated against based on our medical needs. I support senate bill 491 and believe it would be beneficial to all Oregonians who are faced with infertility issues and in need of fair medical coverage as this bill could help provide relief and support for my family and Oregonians as a whole.

I strongly support senate bill 491 and hope this bill can be passed to insure all Oregonians receive equal coverage and give hope to Oregonians who are faced with infertility to provide relief for those struggling with this issue emotionally and financially. Please vote yes and help families like ours and all Oregonians alike struggling with this issue. Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely
Troy H