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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

To Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, Members of the Committee-

My name is Liz, and I am writing in support of House Bill 2002. I believe every Oregonian has the right to make decisions about their own health and well-being, and should have access to the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender-affirming care. Furthermore, physicians and health centers should be able to provide their patients with the best possible care without fear of harassment or abuse.

Too many Oregonians cannot access reproductive and gender-affirming care because of geography, income, or insurance coverage. Our state should be a leader in healthcare access, particularly for those communities who are at higher risk due to economic and/or social inequities. We need to continue our long-standing support of bodily autonomy.

As someone who has benefited from our state's Medicaid program, as well as someone who has loved ones in the LGBTQ+ community, I hope that we can continue to protect those who are most vulnerable in our state. Complete and appropriate healthcare is truly life-saving. This is why I urge your yes vote on HB 2002.

Thank you-

Liz H.