

Date: March 19, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Angel Stech

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Angel Stech and I am writing to express **support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care**, which will help create a future in which everyone in Oregon has the ability to make decisions about their own bodies and access the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender affirming health care.

For too many Oregonians, reproductive and gender affirming care are still out-of-reach because of geography, income, or insurance coverage. Eighteen states currently have abortion bans or serious restrictions in effect, including our neighbor Idaho. This decreased access exacerbates existing reproductive health care deserts, especially in Eastern Oregon, as our state experiences a surge in out-of-state patients.

Access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care is a basic human right. This bill impacts my life and my community. I volunteer each week with a women's day shelter in Portland called Rose Haven. I see many women and those identifying as women who desperately need access to care. Your support of this bill will positively affect women throughout our state.

This is why I urge your yes vote on HB 2002. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Angel Stech