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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

RE: Support HB 2002

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

I strongly support the passage of HB 2002. Access to reproductive and gender-affirming health care is being more and more restricted. It's frightening. Individuals must be allowed to make their own decisions about their reproductive care.

Individuals must be allowed to make their own decisions regarding any health care designed to affirm their gender identity.

Health care providers and individuals shouldn't have to fear repercussions for providing care to people seeking abortions or gender-affirming health care. HB 2002 will help protect them as well.

I know many individuals who identify as non-binary and transgender. I can see the benefits of proper health care firsthand. We all worry about our loved ones, friends, and family. I want to know that the people I care about have access to safe health, just as we all should have access to safe health care.

All health care decisions are personal decisions. HB 2002 will help create a state in which all people have the right to make decisions about their own bodies and be able to access the care they need. This is a basic human right.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 2002.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Melinda Sayavedra