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As an OBGYN physician, I care for women throughout their life, both during pregnancy, before and after their child bearing years and on a daily basis I witness the importance of having access to safe sexual and reproductive health care. We are seeing delays in care, we are seeing patients come from other states due to being turned away. Abortion protection protects all reproductive health including access to safe pregnancy termination, contraception and emergency contraception, management of failed or nonviable pregnancies and fertility access. 1 in 4 women, if not more, have had an abortion and we must protect access to safe abortions. It is not up to politicians to determine who qualifies for an abortion. Abortion is essential healthcare. I offer my full support of HB 2002 as critical for the health care of all Oregonians.