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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HB 2002. I am a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner in private practice in Salem. Before becoming a PMHNP, I was an RN in labor and delivery for over 16 years. In both capacities, I have served people who need the protections provided by this bill. I have worked with patients, families and health care providers, all of whom need the freedom to make important personal and medical health decisions without restriction or fear.

It is imperative that all people are free to obtain complete and accurate information about health care options and have all options available to them. It is well documented that the health and well-being of all people is much improved when safe care is available and the patient and provider make decisions together under strictly confidential conditions.

Currently, these rights are at risk in much of the United States when it comes to reproductive and gender affirming care.

The protections provided by this bill are necessary and important in protecting the health and well-being of women, families, providers and persons currently under attack in much of the country. I advocate for passing this bill to keep Oregon a safe place to receive vital health care.

Sincerely, Jennifer Carley, PMHNP-BC