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We strongly support HB 2002. Although people in the Portland metro area have access to reproductive and gender affirming care, this is not the case for our fellow Oregonians in much of the state. We are personally familiar with people who had to travel hundreds of miles within Oregon to access abortion services. Because treatment can take several days a person traveling out of their community often has to lose time at work, find child care and arrange for transportation and housing.

Oregon has a strong history of supporting access to reproductive healthcare services. No one should be forced to leave their own community for a medical procedure that is their right to access.

The state should ensure that providers are free from interference, threats and harassment when providing reproductive healthcare and gender affirming care. In addition, we believe that Oregon should do everything possible to enhance access for both reproductive healthcare and gender affirming care in areas where that care is unavailable or difficult to access.

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