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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

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TO: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

FROM: Professor Janet Lorenzen

RE: Support for HB 2002

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, and members of the committee,

My name is Renna Anderson, and I have been an Oregon resident for the entirety of my life. I am currently in Salem, and attending Willamette University. I urge you to support HB 2002, because every Oregonian deserves to have access to gender affirming healthcare and safe abortions.

Too many lives are lost every year because of gender dysphoria, which can lead to suicide. The state of Oregon has a duty to protect its citizens, and without gender affirming healthcare, the lives of thousands will be at risk. Setting rules for insurance companies to ensure gender-affirming health coverage is an important up-stream solution to the problem of access. HB 2002 will: prohibit limiting gender-affirming care, hold insurance companies accountable for covering gender-affirming care, expand insurance coverage to additional services that support transition, and it would protect care providers.

Thank you,
Renna Anderson