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On Behalf Of:

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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony in Support House Bill 2002

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Goodwin, Vice-Chair Nelson and members of the Committee,

My name is Andrea Pastor and I am a resident of Portland. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of House Bill 2002, which would continue to protect and expand our right and access to the full spectrum of reproductive health and gender affirming care in Oregon.

I am a parent and sister to two amazing people who have pursued and received gender-affirming care. I have seen the difference it has made to their lives and their mental health. I've been so happy to help them both identify and afford this life-saving care, however I know that all too many are not as fortunate. I am also just one of the millions of people who sought reproductive health services as a teenager. Access to the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender affirming health care is a basic human right, and one that must be extended to minors who cannot count on the adults in their lives to help them.

As Oregonians, we should all agree that every person deserves and has the right to make their own medical care decisions. To achieve that ideal, we need to protect the right to abortion and gender-affirming care, and make that care accessible to all Oregonians. For these reasons, I urge your support for House Bill 2002 and ask you to pass it out of committee.

Respectfully,  
Andrea Pastor