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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I am writing to express support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care, which will guarantee the right of all Oregonians to make decisions about their own bodies and access the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender-affirming health care. With so many states trying to eliminate the right to bodily autonomy, I urge you all to lead by example and pass this bill.

For too many Oregonians, comprehensive reproductive healthcare and gender-affirming care are still out-of-reach because of geography, income, or insurance coverage. HB 2002 will help build an equitable future by addressing many of these barriers.

Too many people are falling victim to republican lead laws that legislate hate and compromise bodily autonomy. There is significant research that gender affirming care decreases suicidal ideation. At a time when Republican legislators across the country are quite literally trying to legislate trans people out of existence, HB 2002 is absolutely essential to make it clear to all gender expansive Oregonians that they have a voice, they are heard, they matter, they belong, and they will get the healthcare they need and deserve.