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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Date: March 21, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Insert your name (and organization, if applicable)

RE: Support HB 2002

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, Members of the Committee:

My name is Sea-oh McConville, DO. I am a Family Physician and I am writing to express

support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care, which will help create a future in which every person in Oregon has the ability to make decisions

about their own body and access the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender affirming health care.

HB 2002 centers those who face the most barriers to accessing care in policy-making and resourcing. The recommendations from Speaker Rayfield's Reproductive Health and Access to Care Work Group were developed in lockstep with impacted communities, providers, and organizations working on the ground to meet this moment. These recommendations include but are not limited to:

? Protecting Providers and Health Centers:

! Protecting providers' ability to provide care to all patients who seek gender affirming care and reproductive healthcare in Oregon

! Preventing interference with health care centers and protecting providers from harassment and abuse

! Ensuring the confidentiality and privacy of providers is protected

? Expanding Access to Care:

! Closing gaps in: insurance coverage for gender affirming care, contraception access on OHP, and reproductive healthcare services at public universities

! Enhancing access to care in medically-underserved regions through a pilot mobile health clinic program

! Addressing reproductive health care deserts by expanding services at existing health centers at public institutions

? Ensuring Fundamental Rights:

! Protecting individuals from prosecution for seeking or supporting reproductive and gender affirming care that is legal in our state

! Codifying the right to the full spectrum of reproductive care

! Preventing individuals from being criminalized for any pregnancy outcome

My patients in Oregon often face barriers to the basic human right of healthcare. They come to my office in crisis and with hope. Taking the hope of basic access to reproductive care should be a huge priority in the state of Oregon. For too many Oregonians, reproductive and gender affirming care are still out-of-reach because of geography, income, and/or insurance coverage. Eighteen states currently have abortion bans or serious restrictions in effect, including our neighbor Idaho. This decreased access exacerbates existing reproductive health care deserts, especially in Eastern Oregon, as our state experiences a surge in out-of-state patients.

Myself as a community family medicine doctor teaching future physicians, my patients, and patients facing critical decisions in their life are looking to their elected leader to PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS.

This is why I urge your yes vote on HB 2002. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sea-oh McConville, DO