

Date: March 21, 2023

To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Carolyn Groves

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Carolyn Groves, I'm a former High School and Public Librarian, and have been a Realtor for the past 6 years. I'm also a mom of two daughters who are attending the U of O and PCC. I've called Portland home since 2008.

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.

Time and again, Oregonians have affirmed their support for making abortion safe and accessible to all. This state has long valued the right to choose when and whether to start a family and bodily autonomy.

The *Dobbs* decision worsened the public health crisis around abortion care. The race to criminalize access to health care will only deepen health inequities and create generational consequences. Without further protections, people of color and low-income families are most at risk for further economic and health consequences and now, the threat of criminalization.

As a Realtor, I have many clients who have specifically moved here from other less-friendly states, and I see this trend continuing.

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

Sincerely,

Carolyn Groves