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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

To whom this may concern,

As a board-certified OBGYN practicing in Portland, OR who also uses social media to educate my over 3 million followers regarding all things reproductive health, I cannot support this bill more and urge you to vote to support this measure. The state of Oregon is an example in this country of what it means to have access to evidence-based, empowering, safe, patient-led reproductive healthcare. We know that this kind of access to care is a basic human right, and sadly not one equally afforded to all American citizens. We must go a step further and pass legislation that protects our patients and our providers, who we know will increasingly be called upon to serve patients from hostile states. They deserve to be able to provide this care, whether it is related to abortion or gender-affirming care, in a way that is free from fear of litigation from afar.

I have seen what happens when people don't have access to the life-saving care they need based on their zip code, and we need to ensure that Oregon continues to be a haven and in fact has even more protections and expanded access put in place so we can continue to serve all who need our care.

Please vote to allow doctors and patients the freedom to make these choices together and to have the resources to safely do so.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Lincoln, MD, FACOG