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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: Tosha Shelepova

RE: Support HB 2002

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

My name is Tosha Shelepova and I am writing to express support for House Bill 2002, Reproductive Health and Access to Care.

This bill is extremely impactful to people seeking care. I am privileged to be able to access this care because I'm a disabled Army veteran and get it through the VA as well as a Multnomah County Health Department employee. The truth is that the majority of people that really need it are not in such position. They are negatively impacted due to having low income, no insurance. I am lucky I am able to live in a more populated area in Oregon but that doesn't mean that there are no people requiring the same level of care everywhere else in the state. People deserve a right to make medical choices for themselves and have access to services within close vicinity to their places of residence. Medical professionals should not be negatively impacted by providing care to those patients.

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

Sincerely,
Tosha Shelepova