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Chair Lieber, Vice-Chair Knopp, and Members of the Committee

On behalf of the Association of American University Women of Oregon, we express our strong support for Senate Joint Resolution 33.

The impetus for this resolution can be found in the US Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v Wade* which ruled that the right to an abortion is not Constitutionally protected. As a result of this decision many states have launched a barrage of efforts to pass laws that restrict or completely ban access to reproductive health care services. Everyone deserves to live a life free from discrimination and have access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care is a basic right. Our fundamental freedoms are under attack nationally and here in Oregon. Our state constitution will be clear that Oregonians have the freedom to make our own healthcare decisions and the right to access essential care we need including family planning, contraceptives, and abortion.

While the statement "I can't believe we are having to fight this fight again" is on the lips of most Oregonians, and certainly virtually all - if not all - members of AAUW of OR, we cannot let this disbelief impede efforts to ensure that it never has to be said again. An individual's right to make decisions about reproductive health care must be recognized as so fundamental that it simply cannot be denied.

Oregonians overwhelmingly support our fundamental right to control our own bodies, lives, and futures without governmental interference. Oregon voters deserve to have our voices heard.

Chair Lieber, Vice-Chair Knopp, and Members of the Committee, we appreciate your service.

Respectfully Submitted,

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