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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SJR33

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From: Brittney Montag
RE: Support SJR 33

Members of the Committee,

My name is Brittney Montag and I am writing to express support for Senate Joint Resolution 33.

Access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care is a basic human right, and sadly we can no longer count on the Supreme Court to uphold our long-held constitutional protections. Therefore, it's time for Oregon to enshrine access to care in the Oregon Constitution to ensure Oregonians continue to have the freedom to make important healthcare decisions such as accessing contraceptives and abortion services.

In 2021 I had two abortions six months apart while living abroad in Australia, and I have been grateful for having had access to these services every day since. There is nothing particularly remarkable about my abortions. I found myself pregnant twice and both times decided motherhood was not right for me.

Although there were of course challenges to both experiences, the ease of access and quality of care I received allowed me to focus on making the best decision for my body without government interference. I am only able to thrive in the life I live today because of my freedom of choice and want all Oregonians to have the same no matter their gender, sexuality, race or economic status.

It is proven time and time again that Oregonians overwhelmingly support our fundamental freedom to control our own bodies, lives, and futures.

This is why I urge you to pass SJR 33. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Brittney Montag