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Submitted testimony from Shandra Greig, MD regarding Senate Bill 535:

I am a healthcare provider of family medicine, actively practiced for 28 years in Silverton, Oregon. I recently retired in November 2024. While practicing, I provided care for multiple women requesting access to diagnosis and treatment for infertility. I would do as much as possible in the primary care setting to address their needs, however many required referral to a reproductive medical specialist. Many times this consultation or any testing deemed appropriate was not covered by their health insurance. I encountered multiple patients who simply could not afford to proceed with this important health care. Unfortunately, the fallout of this lack of needed healthcare often resulted in chronic mental health conditions requiring further healthcare resources. Having a family is an extremely important part of human life for many patients and lack of access to essential healthcare options making that possible is devastating.

I have also had experience personally with two family members seeking care for infertility. That care has nearly broken them financially. One was successful in having a child and the other was not. I have witnessed firsthand, both personally and professionally the pain that is experienced through this process. If the financial burden for infertility care were lessened, I am confident it will improve quality of life and overall healthcare burden for these patients.

Please support SB 535.

Sincerely,  
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