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We have spent over \$84,000 over the last few years on fertility consults, testing, diagnosis and treatment. Our insurance covered none of our medical treatment. Although we have an official medical diagnosis of infertility, we were forced to pay out of pocket for all costs. This is a life changing, staggering amount of money for our family to cover. Infertility is a treatable disease. We know we are the fortunate ones, as many families do not have savings, retirement and investments to pull money from as we did to cover these very expensive out of pocket medical expenses. Having insurance coverage would have and can still make a huge difference in treating this disease to build a family. We ask for your support of SB535 for families like ours. An infertility diagnosis and treatments are challenging mentally, emotionally and physically; and right now financially. Please help lessen the burden by supporting SB535 for all Oregonians who, like us, dream of having a family.

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