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On Behalf Of:  
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As an Oregon resident who cares deeply about those struggling to build their family in our state, I strongly urge you to pass SB 535, which will help Oregonians build their families when faced with infertility, cancer or other conditions that can cause infertility. Oregon families need your support now. I am also an Ob/Gyn resident and see firsthand the challenges faced by patients with an infertility diagnosis. It is extremely disheartening when family-building dreams are thwarted by lack of ability to pay for treatment. Additionally, we know that providing coverage for these services only minimally impacts cost (cents on the dollar). Ultimately, infertility services are part of achieving reproductive justice, to which our state has a longstanding commitment. I urge you to support this bill for the health and well being of Oregonians. I need your support, along with the 1 in 6 in our state living with the disease of infertility and the thousands of Oregonians diagnosed with cancer during their reproductive years. It is time for Oregonians to receive comprehensive insurance coverage for the medical care needed to build their families. As proven in other states, insurance covering vitro fertilization (IVF) decreases the chance of multiple births, and lowering multiple births decreases overall health care costs and results in healthier babies and healthier parents. Please support Oregon families by moving SB 535, the Oregon Family-Building Act, forward. Thank you! Sincerely, Caroline Braun