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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB535

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. Thank you for your support of this bill. No one expects to be infertile. We all think, "I will be a mother or father one day." And then that day becomes years of struggling to become a parent, because we have a silent disease—infertility. Without IVF access, the 1 in 6 couples who need treatment to build families are in darkness. It is beyond painful to want a child but not be able to because of a disease, biology, or money. Insurance companies that do not want to provide IVF coverage to Oregonians are declining medical care to support their bottom lines. This is selfish and ridiculous and greedy and I urge you to stand for your fellow Oregonians!! There are more of us than you realize!! 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 in 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, Kristen Heasley