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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

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. I'm not just an Oregonian who cares about families desperately working to build a family in our state, I am one. We have spent over \$84,000 taken from savings, investments and retirement accounts to pay out of pocket for infertility testing, diagnosis and treatment and our insurance company does not cover any of that. No family should have to make a decision based on the cost of medical care to have a family with medical intervention. I urge you to support families like mine faced with infertility. 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, Ashley Graves