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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. My wife and I faced significant challenges in building our family, and we wouldn't have our two children today without the help of assisted reproductive technology. Throughout our IVF journey, we quickly realized we weren't alone—many others were quietly navigating infertility while jeopardizing their financial security just for a chance to become parents. We were fortunate that my insurance at the time covered the majority of the costs for the two rounds of IVF we underwent. Without that coverage, our options would have been severely limited and financially out of reach. At a time when reproductive rights are increasingly under attack, Oregon has the opportunity to lead by ensuring that everyone has access to the resources they need to build their family. 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, Kyle Naismith