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I support Oregon Bill SB 535 because of my personal experience with recurring pregnancy loss and the emotional and financial strain of pursuing fertility treatments on a tight income. After multiple miscarriages, my partner and I were devastated. We are turning to fertility treatments, hoping to find a path to parenthood. However, the financial burden may stop us from pursuing.

The emotional toll of the losses was hard enough, but trying to navigate the financial aspect is making it even more difficult. No one should have to choose between their mental health and financial stability when trying to start or grow their family. This bill provides much-needed support for people in situations like mine—those who are navigating the painful journey of infertility and pregnancy loss, but are held back by financial barriers. It's a critical step in ensuring that everyone, regardless of their income, has the opportunity to access the care they need.

I am hopeful that this bill will help others like me find a way forward without the added weight of financial distress.