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Dear Senate Committee On Health Care Chair Person,

I am writing to voice my strong support for Senate Bill 535, which seeks to require health insurance coverage for fertility treatments. Although I have not personally faced infertility, I have seen its profound impact on the lives of close friends and family members. Their journeys have been marked by frustration, financial burden, and emotional distress, simply because accessing necessary medical care has been a challenge.

Infertility is a medical condition, not a choice. Yet, many individuals and couples are left without viable options due to the staggering costs of treatment. I have witnessed loved ones exhaust their savings, take on significant debt, and endure the painful reality that financial limitations may determine whether they can have a child. This is not just a personal struggle—it is a systemic issue that requires legislative action.

By mandating insurance coverage for fertility services, this bill would provide critical relief to those who need it. No one should be forced to delay or forgo treatment due to financial constraints. Additionally, the provision directing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to evaluate access to reproductive care will help identify existing gaps and inform future policies.

Time is of the essence. Every day that passes without accessible fertility care means more people are left without hope. I urge the committee to take decisive action and support this legislation, ensuring that Oregonians have a fair chance to pursue parenthood.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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