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To: **Chair Rep. Rob Nosse, Vice Chair Reps. Ed Diehl and Travis Nelson,
House Committee on Health Care**

Re: **HB 4127 – Payment for Reproductive Healthcare – Support**

House Bill 4127 seeks to ensure that nonprofit reproductive health care providers who are not eligible to receive federal Medicaid funds or are not enrolled in the Oregon medical assistance program will be reimbursed for covered services using state funds. More specifically, the bill directs that the Oregon Health Authority adopt a payment mechanism to ensure continuity of care for patients who rely on these providers.

The League of Women Voters has maintained a position dating back to 1983 supporting all Americans' rights to make personal health care decisions. This includes reproductive rights. Further, persons who are unable to work, whose earnings are inadequate, or for whom jobs are not available have the right to an income and/or services sufficient to meet their basic need for access to health care.

Not only is the right to reproductive freedom a matter of personal freedom, it's also a major factor in the movements for racial and economic equality. Black women and other underserved communities already experience unfair barriers and limited access to adequate health care services.

In recent years, the ability to obtain reproductive health care has been further constrained by federal actions. Congressional House Resolution 1 (2025) included provisions prohibiting federal Medicaid payments to certain nonprofit providers that primarily offer family planning and reproductive health services, including abortion care—even when Medicaid funds are used for non-abortion services. Although litigation brought by Planned Parenthood and state coalitions, including Planned Parenthood of Columbia Willamette and Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, resulted in a nationwide injunction blocking enforcement of the Medicaid payment ban, ongoing legal challenges and uncertainty continue to threaten the financial stability of safety-net providers and the patients they serve.

House Bill 4127 provides a necessary and responsible state-level solution to protect access to essential reproductive health care services in Oregon. We urge your support for House Bill 4127 to ensure that patients do not lose access to care because of shifting federal policy or political interference in health care delivery.

We urge your Support for House Bill 4127.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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