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Oregon's continued support for reproductive and gender affirming care is very important to our family. No one should be afraid of seeking the care they need (or providing it) because of inhumane laws passed down by the current (and any future) administration. Reproduction and the many choices that go into family planning are private matters between partners and medical professionals. I have had the great privilege of birthing and raising two beautiful children. Before my husband and I were ready to be parents, we needed to access birth control and other services that are being stripped away and demonized by people who would put their beliefs above our ability to make our own medical and family decisions.

Gender affirming care is also vital to our family. The teams of brave compassionate doctors, nurses, and therapists that have been supporting our family deserve to be protected from bad actors trying to strip access to care. Anyone who provides care or seeks it, here in Oregon, should be protected by our laws. Healthcare is a human right and Doctors should be allowed to practice without threat of unjust prosecution.

Thank you.