

To: House Committee on Health

From: For All Families Oregon

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Re: Support HB 4127

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Diehl and Nelson, and members of the committee,

For All Families Oregon (formerly Family Forward Oregon) strongly supports HB 4127, which allows the Oregon Health Authority to continue care for individuals and families that rely on Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is an essential arm to our healthcare system that bridges accessibility and affordability in a climate where individuals' right to healthcare continues to be threatened by this current federal administration.

Planned Parenthood's care is needed in Oregon now more than ever. Following the passage of H.R. 1 last July, deep Medicaid cuts have severely damaged our state's capacity to provide reproductive and maternal healthcare. These cuts have already forced maternity wards in rural communities—some already over an hour away from many residents—to close or face imminent risk. These are communities that already confront significant barriers to accessing any healthcare. While often recognized for abortion care, Planned Parenthood's services are far broader. They provide essential screenings for STIs, breast exams, cervical cancer, as well as birth control, HPV vaccinations, and many other critical services. Supporting Planned Parenthood is vital to ensuring these essential medical services remain available, especially for the communities that need them most.

Access to reproductive health care has dramatically improved my quality of life—so much so that I can't imagine life without it. For over a decade, I suffered from severe anemia due to irregular, heavy menstrual cycles. From elementary school through college, I experienced dizzy spells, fainting after over-exertion, and debilitating headaches that made concentrating in school extremely difficult. Iron supplements were only temporary fixes, and I had resigned myself to a constant battle with my own body.

Everything changed when my healthcare provider recommended birth control. However, because my insurance was with a religious-affiliated company, I was told I would have to pay over \$1,000 out-of-pocket for the IUD. As a college student working three jobs, I simply couldn't afford it. Understanding my situation, my provider connected me to my local Planned Parenthood, where a staff member helped me find a way to afford the care I needed.

After a thorough and intentional conversation with the provider about how the treatment would affect my body, I moved forward with the prescription. Since then, my anemia has disappeared—no more dizzy spells, headaches, or chills. For the first time in over a decade, I feel comfortable and in full control of my body. That feeling, after so many years of struggle, has been incredible.

Care like this is essential. I'm forever grateful my providers listened, heard me, and took the time to understand and support me during my time of need. As a state we must continue to support systems that help people get connected to care, not dismantle a system that is needed now more than ever.

Supporting HB 4127 means supporting the over 100,000 patients Planned Parenthood sees every year, with over 60% of those patients being on the Oregon Health Plan. It means supporting the healthcare workers that have dedicated their lives to meeting the needs of their patients. With the federal government already making radical changes to the healthcare system that is harming millions of people nationwide, Oregon must stand firm on protecting our community's right to evidence-based reproductive and gender-affirming health care.

I urge this committee to vote Yes on HB 4127 to protect access to affordable and necessary care in the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

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