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Hello Oregon State Representatives,

I want to thank you for taking the steps to craft this bill to help protect all Oregonians' access to essential health care. I found out about this written testimony deadline last minute, so please excuse any errors in spelling or grammar. As a state with one of the lowest rankings on mental health, we urgently need to have legislation which protects all Oregonians. The LGBTQIA+ community has a higher risk of mental health struggles due to systemic inequities and this bill helps to make sure people from those communities can access care. It also helps people who do not identify as part of these communities, but many want or need gender-affirming care, continue to maintain access to needed health resources. As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and someone who has a lot of trans and nonbinary folks in my life who depend on maintaining access to hormone blockers, surgery, and a variety of other forms of gender-affirming care it is important to me to see this state make forward progress.