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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 4, 2026

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 4127A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I write to explain my “No” vote on HB 4127A.

We should not be using taxpayer funds to specifically and solely support Planned Parenthood. Organizations like Planned Parenthood are free to raise private funds to support their work, just as pregnancy alternative centers across Oregon do. These centers provide services to women and families without relying on taxpayer dollars.

I also recognize that many Oregonians expect some level of abortion access in our state. However, I reject the premise that this bill is necessary to accomplish that. Planned Parenthood has already received substantial taxpayer funding and continues to operate throughout the state.

During the 2025 legislative session, Planned Parenthood was provided with a \$10 million grant in anticipation of possible federal cuts. They were later granted an additional \$7.5 million in emergency funding in November 2025. Now, in March 2026, this bill proposes another \$8.9 million in General Fund dollars. This is not funding for an immediate need—it is funding in anticipation that the organization might need it someday.

Without this bill, Planned Parenthood would remain free to operate as it currently does. In fact, Planned Parenthood has testified that abortion access in Oregon is generally available the next day. Meanwhile, most other healthcare services in our state require weeks or even months to access.

For these reasons, I voted “No” on HB 4127A.

Sincerely,

Ed Diehl
Representative
House District 17