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The Lilith Clinic Opens in Portland, Expanding Abortion Access for Patients Throughout the US *First independent abortion clinic in Oregon to open in over two decades*

PORTLAND, OR - In the face of ever-growing attacks on abortion care throughout the United States, The Lilith Clinic proudly opens its doors this week in downtown Portland to serve patients from Oregon and beyond. Following the closure of the state's flagship clinic, Lovejoy Surgicenter, on January 16, The Lilith Clinic is the first independent abortion clinic to open in the state in over twenty years.

As an essential medical service, timely access to abortion care has become even more critical in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. While Oregon has long stood proud as the most pro-choice state in the nation, increasing access to abortion care through 2017's Reproductive Health Equity Act and resoundingly defeating extreme anti-abortion ballot measures like 2018's Measure 106, several independent abortion clinics in the state have closed their doors in recent years. This is in line with national trends; the U.S. has seen the number of independent abortion clinics fall by approximately one-third in recent years. Since independent clinics provide over half of abortion procedures performed each year, these closures greatly impact the ability of patients to receive access to care in their communities.

Oregon Governor Kate Brown, a leading champion for progressive pro-choice policies, recognizes the key role that clinics play in making choice a reality:

"Oregonians have shown time and time again that reproductive freedom is a value we hold dear. Ensuring that all people have access to the care that they need was the key tenet of the Reproductive Health Equity Act, and I applaud The Lilith Clinic for opening its doors to welcome patients from throughout the state who are seeking abortion care."

The Lilith Clinic understands that without access to abortion care, reproductive freedom is an empty promise. The staff of Lilith will continue Oregon's legacy of providing compassionate, quality care to all those who need it, and ensure that abortion care is a normal, accessible part of high-quality health care services.

The Lilith Clinic provides pregnancy termination and abortion care through 22 weeks. The clinic is open for appointments and will begin seeing patients on March 19. To make an appointment, call (503) 221-1870 or submit an inquiry online at <u>www.lilithclinic.com</u>.