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Hello,

I just want to express my support for Portland's initiative to restrict trade and travel with Texas following its near total ban on abortions. As someone with a uterus myself, I was frightened by this development and have had a difficult time grappling with the notion that many Texans no longer have autonomy over their own bodies.

While I do think this initiative should be carefully evaluated to make sure that it won't negatively impact those in Texas seeking out-of-state care or other marginalized groups both here and there, if implemented thoughtfully I believe that this initiative can send a powerful message to Texas and other states that some of us take human rights very seriously.

Thank you for your dedication in this area. I feel proud to live in a city that will unashamedly defend my rights.

Thank you,  
Rachel Palmer