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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2002

I oppose the advance of HB2002 in its entirety for a variety of reasons. For now the first of which are its conflict with the First Amendment of the US Constitution and the Seventh Amendment. This bill is entirely one-sided: there is no provision for conscientious objection for those who do not wish to participate in the abortion industry by providing information, influence or treatment regarding abortion. There is no accommodation for those who believe in the principle "Do no harm."

There is no mention of informed consent and parameters that establish pro's and con's (which includes a description of Post Abortion Syndrome) and alternative choices regarding abortion.

The proposals for Gender-Affirming Treatment are equally insensitive and more dangerous. This bill demonstrates a severe lack of awareness of current medical science and the social trends that follow the sciences of medical and psychological care. Several European countries have reversed course in their approach to gender-affirming treatment because of the amount of damage it has caused. There is a rising tide of De-transitions providing testimonials of regret and remorse warning their listeners away from the gender-affirming treatment industry. There are several law suits underway in the United States because the proponents of gender-affirming treatment failed to provide a balanced, scientific approach to informed consent. Many recipients of this treatment have suffered/are suffering permanent physical damage and increased psychological and emotional stress.

In its present form, this bill would not allow those who have been injured, their constitutional right to go to trial over the harm that Gender-affirming Treatment has caused them and it forces insurance companies to insure mal-practitioners.

Major doctor associations are warning against the type of gender-affirming treatment that this bill sets forth.

Passing this bill would also cause an excessive increase in taxation and expenses for the people of the State of Oregon.

If Oregon were to pass this bill, it would stand out as the State moving in the opposite direction of the rest of the civilized world.

I have much more to say but I believe this will suffice as solid reasonable grounds to stop this bill. Thank you for this opportunity