

House Bill 2002

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson and members of the Committee,

Thank you for your work to expedite the strong values of your constituency. You put in many hours and a lot of constructive thought and we appreciate it.

I am writing to strongly support House Bill 2002. It has affected our family personally.

I almost lost my granddaughter/grandson to suicide over gender and transition issues. It was only a phone call that kept him/her from leaping off a parking garage in Portland last year.

We hear the stories, but to find an A high school student, loved by many, feeling so low that life had no worth because she was born in a body in which she could not identify.

He has now come out, legally changed his name, is having gender affirming care and is attending college.

To feel worthy and respected is the right of everyone.

Please vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Judy Janowitz