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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Dear Representative Cramer,

Thank you in advance for your commitment to the children of Oregon. It is warriors like you that will help ensure we parents can protect our children from the current political climate prevailing our legislature. Please accept this letter as my testimony opposing HB2002.

House Bill 2022 touches on two very different precepts and that in itself should send out an alarm. The common denominator is the lack of parental involvement in the lives and safety of our children

Oregon has some of the most liberal abortion laws in the country. It greatly saddens me that we allow ending a baby's life pre-birth. However, pro-life or pro-choice notwithstanding, prohibiting parental involvement in the life altering decision of abortion where it concerns our minor children is reprehensible. Our lives are devoted to the safety and security of our young. We are on the front lines protecting them at every turn. We must be informed and consent to all our children's medical procedures.

HB 2022 also reads decriminalizing the concealing of a newborn. Again, another opportunity to deny parents the ability to aid our children when we are most needed. This unaccountability opens up the possibility of being unable to determine the viability of the baby at birth. If the newborn's life is deliberately ended, how are we to investigate and prosecute the responsible party ? Are we attempting to move from aborting pre-born babies to infanticide?

I strongly encourage you to vote against HB2022. We do not need the state to usurp our parental responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Janet Weaver

