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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Hello,

As a mother, grandmother and retired educator I am totally against this HB2002. This bill leads one to believe that minors as young as 13 or 15 are capable of making wise life altering decisions without their parents' input. I totally disagree with that premise.

There are good reasons why minors can't buy cigarettes, get their ears pierced, drive a car, buy alcohol, and vote until they reach a certain age or have their parent's permission.

This law purposely excludes parents from being involved with their child's health decisions and allows people who have no love or connection with that child to use their bias and perhaps cause harm to the minor. No medical procedure is without risk and abortion and gender-affirming procedures are no exception; they each have risks involved.

Let's not be naïve; there is also the fact that these procedures will bring money to the medical people performing them and that can be a big motivation.

Another aspect of this bill is that there is not recourse if the minor is injured in the procedure; those performing the procedures are totally exempt from any liability. This is not right.

The use of misleading words calling these procedures health care and a person's rights is shortsighted at best and totally wrong. By hiding the truth of these procedures from

parents it also allows sexual abuse and/or sex trafficking to continue to happen for the minor can have an abortion and continue to be kept in that slavery.

Please do not allow HB2002 to become law in Oregon. It is a terrible bill.

Thank you