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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Dear Representatives,

I have voted Democrat for the vast majority of my life, and I am opposed to HB 2002 and amendments to the current abortion/healthcare/gender laws.

This bill is an assault on parents; and parental rights. And it doesn't protect children - in fact it opens up children, tweens and teens to the risk of greater abuse.

>> Children of any age, and especially under 15 should not be receiving any sort of sexual health care, abortion, or sexual education without parental knowledge, and consent.

>> Concealing information from parents; and making the child responsible for providing explicit and written permission puts the child in a very vulnerable position. What young child would really understand this? This is opening up the child for incredible potential abuse; without parental knowledge or protection.

This bill is an assault on the responsible use of Oregon Taxpayer dollars. I understand some individuals are uncomfortable in their body and want to change their gender medically; and that unexpected pregnancies happen. However, these are responsibility of the individual and/their families; not the taxpayer.

>> TAX DOLLARS SHOULD NOT be used for gender transition surgeries, cosmetic surgeries, laser hair removal for ANYONE. There are so many other higher priorities for our dollars; this is frivolous and irresponsible.

>> TAX DOLLARS SHOULD NOT be used for abortion pills at public universities and community colleges in Oregon. Again, they should go to higher priorities such as education, the infrastructure, mental health, etc.

>> Abortion is already legal in Oregon, at any age, with parental consent for under 15. There is no need to change that rule.

>> Lastly - concealing the birth of an infant is irresponsible. I'm confounded as to why the state would want to remove the prohibition on concealing the birth of an infant.

Hiding medical information from parents is not good policy.

Vote NO on HB2002 and do not allow this bill to move forward.

Thank you.