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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

To Oregon State Honorable House Members,

I am writing in opposition of HB 2002 for several reasons. Primarily, the state should not assume authority over parents' rights and influence over their own children in regards to abortion rights and so called gender care. Children do not belong to the state or agencies pushing their own agendas and ideologies political or otherwise. The state nor Planned Parenthood, nor related such abortion clinics, nor any other health care providers have overriding "rights" over parents. They should not be able to proselytize or provide so called "care" to promote their views. Children do not belong to the community, they belong to the parents who bore them, adopted them, or are long term legal guardians. If people think they are actually helping children doing these things, they are sadly deceived, or worse, evil. This is outrageous that the state would even consider attempt to override parents' rights to raise their own children in matters of pregnancy, sexuality, or gender identification.

I urge you to not support this bill for this very reason: children do not belong to the state, or to communities, or to various social or political causes and ideologies. Voting in support of this bill would clearly indicate advocating a political and or social agenda of your own or party's, stripping parents of their rights to raise and protect their own children in the best way they see fit.

Additionally, there are clearly physical, mental, emotional, and social health issues created in children who are victims of this great experiment despite proponents claims these very elements are their inspiration "to help" children by offering abortion services, hormone changing, and surgery services being the answer to momentary unease, confusion, or disfunction.

Will you be the legislature that says "Not on my watch will children be social experiments," or will you be the legislature that brings destruction to family structure, confusion to the children who live in Oregon, and irreversible bodily changes? If so, you will not be trusted civil servants, but tyrants giving way to radical ideology, big Pharma, and Big Corporations. What will you choose your legacy to be?