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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Rabbi Russell McAlmond and I am the Executive Director of the Center for Human Equality (CHE) in Southern Oregon.

As a Jewish rabbi, I believe strongly in the right of parents to help their children grow in maturity and wisdom until the age of majority (18). State legislators should never deprive children of this extremely important guidance by allowing them to make life altering choices as minors. Parents must be involved in these decisions.

This legislation will probably pass based on the party in power so this testimony is only to let you know that some Oregonians feel that what you are doing to children is terribly wrong and immoral.

Parental rights are more important than yours in regards to their children. This will always be true.