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I strongly oppose this bill based on two main reasons. My faith and my logic. My faith teaches that life is sacred from the moment of conception. My logic also brings into question the ethics of abortion. The best argument I have ever heard is to look at life as a continuum from the moment of conception to the moment of death and recognize that biologically a zygote has everything it needs to become a living a breathing human being unless there is intervention ex, an abortion or miscarriage. That being said, what makes ending a biologically alive zygote any less criminal than ending the life of a dementia patient who has no sense of self or really any quality of life? As a nurse who has had countless interactions caring for dementia patient I can honestly say sometimes, "What is the point of this person even being here? Why not just end the life of said individuals? They are no longer beneficial members of society; in fact they are a huge strain. They clearly don't know why they are even here." Often times family members are exhausted and done caring for their loved ones. So, what makes it wrong to just end those lives? Morality/ethics and logic. If life is ended by human intervention at any time from the moment of conception to the moment of death (aside from natural causes) it MUST be considered murder across the entire spectrum. Now this does not mean I harbor any anger towards anyone who has had an abortion, but it does not just make it "ok" to commit countless acts of murder so callously without providing any real support or help for the unfortunate young women who get pulled into "just have an abortion, it's no big deal, in fact it's basically like nothing is happening at all..." The information presented by planned parenthood and OHSU about having an abortion is really quite pathetic. There is a fine line between not wanting to guilt trip someone out of an abortion and just being dishonest about how much life really is going on with the little baby growing inside. Admittedly I do not think mothers should be criminalized for receiving an abortion because frankly I blame the abortion industry for what it has done to normalize and really even glorify abortion as a great option to just make your life so much better. As far as all of the gender affirmation content being added to this bill, all I can say is that there very much feels to me an agenda being pushed that myself and so many other people I talk with disagree with. Where were all of these LGBTQIA+ children in the last decade? Children are being told lies and this will sound mean, but the individuals leading the charge in "gender affirming" actions towards children are absolute morons. There are but 2 genders and 2 sexes. How that represents can be varied greatly and I recognize that, but to lie to children and tell them that they can be whatever they feel like is insane and damaging. Let a boy play with dolls, but don't tell him it makes him a girl. Let a girl play football and roughhouse, but don't tell her she can be a man. Please get real and recognize that children cannot and should not be allowed to make any of those kinds of decisions until they are adults with grown

brains. My faith aside that there are two genders and children ought to be guided in the ways of truth, its simple biology that our brains really have no idea what we want until about our mid 20's.