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On Behalf Of:

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Oregon has been a safer haven for our queer population and passing this bill will remove significant protections as it currently stands. Reading through the testimonies it's clear many think they should be involved with personal matters in the doctors office or someone's personal choice. This is not our business, no one anywhere has any right to decide what we do to our bodies as long as we are not harming another.

Oregon provides death with dignity, many who come here to participate.

We allow abortions giving uterus bearing folks the option to decide what to do and to protect themselves. I myself had a very risky pregnancy where 3 of the top specialists in the state said they could not promise the safety of me or my child and recommended termination and that is was not safe to do outpatient.

We have gender affirming care which has been shown to reduce suicide risk and allows people to be who they are without fear. This is a slippery slope, one that ends badly for all of us. Regardless of your religious or personal views, it's not about you. The propaganda that is flooding this nation right now is deplorable, oregon has a chance to stand with other states like Minnesota and protecting our most vulnerable.

Vote no, stay out of the doctors office as we have with other issues.

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