

To:
Oregon State Legislature

I am a resident of Oregon, and I am writing to voice my support for legislative measures to protect access to abortion and gender-affirming care for all who reside in our state that may be impacted by such public health policies.

It is absolutely vital that Oregon lawmakers act to protect transgender, gender expansive and gender nonconforming people and their access to life saving care. **Trans health care and gender affirming care are suicide prevention.** People across the country, including young children, are at incredibly greater risk for suicide when their gender identity is fought and contested in every area of life. Trans people deserve equity, dignity, respect and access to life saving care at our hospitals and clinics. Sites of medical treatment are meant to serve the public and meet the health needs of our communities, and this includes gender affirming care and medical transition.

Given the highly publicized nature of many challenges to trans freedom and existence in the United States over the past few years, **I strongly urge our lawmakers here in Oregon to consider the safety and protection of trans Oregonians during this crucial time.** People are fearing for their lives. They deserve to be legally protected by our state.

Gratefully,
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