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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Dear Committee Members,

I am a Physician with 20 years of experience practicing in Oregon.

I am well acquainted with the scientific evidence surrounding Gender Affirming Care. There can be no doubt about the evidence-based research on the profound benefits of Gender Affirming Care and the profound harms that can occur in its absence. Within my own practice and the practice of other physicians in our community there are many patients who are simply doing better because they have access to gender affirming care. I know of no examples of Gender Affirming Care where care resulted in a worsening of a patient's quality of life.

People must be allowed autonomy in their choices regarding Reproductive Health Care. Freedom to choose one's personal destiny is an American ethos. I am in support of legislation that codifies this freedom of access to full spectrum Reproductive Healthcare.