Submitter: Ed Diehl

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

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To Whom it May Concern,

House Bill 2002 has come to our attention.

Gender-affirming treatment offered to young adolescents is child-abuse at the highest level. It flies in the face of the proven science of our DNA and our biological make-up.

It does not protect our children but exploits a child's innocence while they are growing and changing so rapidly. Children may want to be a 'pirate' today but outgrow this desire. Thankfully their parents don't chop off their leg and take out their eye. Let's have some common sense on this topic of gender issues. Most children outgrow any gender dysphoria.

Giving abortions to young girls without parental consent is wrong! Allowing young girls to be sterilized without parental consent is wrong! Allowing people to conceal the birth of an infant is wrong! Again, it is the parents who have the God-given responsibility to protect and provide for their children, NOT THE STATE. House Bill 2002 will encourage the abuse of young girls to go unreported while their abusers will go unpunished and continue to abuse. This is not 'pro-choice' legislation, this is CHILD ABUSE from start to finish.

Please fight to PROTECT our youth and save Oregon's children and vote NO on House Bill 2002.

Sincerely, Nancy Cummings