

March 20, 2023

Re: Testimony in Opposition to Oregon HB 2002

Good afternoon Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson and members of the committee.

My name is Eric Walter. I am speaking in opposition to the abortion sections of House Bill 2002. I am a resident of Oregon and the State Life Director for the Oregon Knights of Columbus. I am a father who cares about the well being of my family and all other families and children in Oregon.

We are made in the image and likeness of God. He made us male and female. God did not make us with the understanding we can change our sex. God did not make us so we can murder our children. There is a truth that will always remain the truth yesterday, today, and tomorrow. If we do not live our lives in accordance with our Lord's moral standards, there will always be suffering, chaos, and ultimately destruction. We are witnessing this truth in our current generation.

As parents, we have a duty to guide our children and their children. This moral obligation is expected by our God and is in the very fabric of our being. This is not the responsibility of the State of Oregon, by passing of any bill, to decide what is best for our children and make an attempt to take over our role as parents. This is not going to happen on my watch or on the watch of any parent who cares about our children.

House Bill 2002 is one of the most disgraceful bills ever proposed in the state of Oregon and in our entire country. It would take hours to break apart this bill and explain every detail as to why it is wrong. Most of this bill is appalling. There are no words that could adequately express the horror of this bill that would memorialize the murdering of our unborn children and allowing young girls to be sterilized without parental consent. This should be just common sense to any person who has a beating heart.

Our beautiful state of Oregon has already been reduced into darkness by the current liberal leaders in our state who have no concern for morality or accountability to God. House Bill 2002 will take our state of Oregon to the depths of hell. I am respectfully asking and praying for our State leaders to please say "NO" to House Bill 2002.

Respectfully,

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