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On Behalf Of: My children
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Measure: HB2002

This is my second comment on HB 2002. My first was a rather rushed pre-meeting letter. By attending most of the HB 2002 Committee meeting on March 20th, I was able to listen to many speakers, both opposed and in favor of the bill. I also read through many of the testimonies and letters submitted online, and I am now prepared to share a response based on the things I've seen, read, and heard in regards to this bill. My first thought while in the Capitol was how God loves all people. In Deuteronomy, God calls people His precious possession. In a Hebrew word study, this actually means His crown jewels. God considers people more precious than any jewel. That includes all people. With that perspective, I again oppose HB 2002, and hope this bill gets put in the garbage. This bill does not treat children or adults as the jewels of the earth that they are. There were so many common sense testimonies explaining how ridiculous these proposals are. To allow a child to make a life-altering decision without 'extended' caring, thoughtful and loving counsel is criminal. Doctors that would remove a child's penis or breasts or administer life-altering chemicals to support that child's wishes is to put it simply--abusing that child. Come on, Oregon. This hardly shows mature, rational thinking on the parts of adults proposing and supporting these things. And then to make it necessary for a child to write a permission slip for their parents to view their medical records, now that's upside-down thinking. At this point anyone voting in favor of this bill should seriously read more about what exactly is being proposed here. I want to again emphasize that we are all crown jewels in God's eyes. This House Bill really is an attack on God. It is an attack on conservative values, the nuclear family, and the rights of parents to parent and children to be children who must be protected. It gives doctors and pharmaceutical companies free license to do as they wish with the children of Oregon, without parental involvement. These professionals naturally have a great influence on children and young teens' decisions, yet they won't be held accountable for mutilating and confusing these children. I'm not a politician, but I believe this bill should be scrapped. Democrats, I urge you to break party line and protect the future of Oregon, OUR CHILDREN, by voting NO on HB 2002.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Paul Alexander