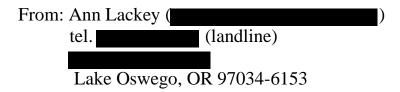
To: Oregon House (Oregon Legislature. gov) House Bill 2002 Submission of Testimony 3/21/2023



On behalf of teachers and concerned parents, I oppose House Bill 2002. For more than 25 years, I have taught in Portland Public Schools, Beaverton Public Schools. and LAUSD in varying capacities.

Why do I oppose HB 2002?

First, it abrogates parental rights under the guise of accessibility and rights to reproductive health care. The question is are we honoring rights or are we usurping them with our politics?

Believe me, I know how varied and sometimes very strange parent philosophies or actions can be, but that thinking in itself is usurpation of parental rights. How so? Can you warrant the replacement of those family rights in favor of another person, institution, or country such as Planned Parenthood or China that espouses other values?

Second, HB 2002 is oriented to minor rights written by politicians. They, as adults can't seem to get parental rights correct. How can we rest assured they even understand other rights, notably the Bill of Rights?

Are these the same ones who profess to know how to insure accessibility, much less know and understand rights?

Third, my service and others as teachers is respected and honored by parents and taxpayers for the well being of their children. It is not a service of merely imposed political or state sanctions. HB 2002 is anti-family, anti-parent, and most of all anti-rights and anti-Oregon.