

April 24, 2023

To: Senate Committee on Rules

From: Ava Digre, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon

RE: Support SJR 33

Members of the Committee,

My name is Ava Digre, and I am a Legislative and Electoral fellow with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Senate Joint Resolution 33.

I identify as a lesbian, and when I moved to Oregon less than a year ago, I was welcomed by an expansive and supportive LGBTQ+ community, far larger than I'd ever experienced before. Oregon seemed like an idealistic, progressive state that welcomed those from marginalized identities with enthusiasm and compassion. I could not believe my ears when I was told for the first time that Oregon's state constitution defines marriage as between a man and a woman. And now, with the Supreme Court demonstrating that their decisions will be political instead of constitutional, I fear that same-sex marriage in Oregon will once again be prohibited, and I will not be able to exercise what should be my constitutional right. SJR 33 would give me the opportunity to vote in favor of my rights and my autonomy.

That is why I urge you to pass SJR 33. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ava Digre