

Date: April 24, 2023

To:

From: Molly Newhard

RE: Support SJR 33

Members of the Committee,

My name is Molly Newhard and I am writing to express **support for Senate Joint Resolution 33**

Our fundamental freedoms are under attack in this country. We can't count on the Supreme Court or Congress to protect our freedoms from nefarious far right leaders, so Oregon needs to do the right thing and make this state a beacon of freedom.

SJR 33 ensures the fundamental rights that we all hold, the right to personal medical decisions, the right to love who we want, and the right to exist how we want. Everyone deserves to be protected from government interference when it comes to love and deeply personal medical decisions. Our state constitution should make it clear that marriage equality is a sacred and protected right, that access to contraception, family planning, and abortion are not at the whims of politicians in white buildings.

Oregon voters overwhelmingly support the rights to these basic freedoms. Oregonians do not want the government involved in their bedrooms, their bathrooms, their doctors offices, or their pants. Oregonians deserve dignity and safety from government overreach.

I got married to my husband in 2019. I could not imagine a world where the government would consider outlawing my heterosexual marriage. LGBTQIA+ couples deserve that same level of assurance in their marriage and their right to love who they love.

LGBTQIA+ Oregonians, especially trans kids, deserve privacy in their most intimate decisions. My friends in this community know who they are, they are loving and kind people. They will exist with or without protections from discrimination but you can choose to guarantee that their lives are free from discrimination. You can protect the constituents you have the privilege to serve.

You can protect the rights of women and anyone with a uterus to receive the care that they need. I don't have health insurance, but thanks to the Reproductive Health Equity Act I am able to get reproductive health care and access to contraceptives. Every

Oregonian deserves to know that their most basic health needs can be met, and that they'll only be seeing their doctor in the office, not the entire state legislature.

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

Sincerely,
Molly Newhard