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Everyone deserves to live a life free from discrimination—regardless of gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

All Oregonians should have the right to be who we are, marry who we love, and make the healthcare decisions we need—including women and LGBTQ2SIA+ people.

Our rights are under attack across the country. We need to give Oregon voters the chance to enshrine these rights in our Constitution, so that our fate doesn't depend on the election cycle.

As a mother to transgender child, I can't begin to explain how scary it is to watch states across our nation submit legislation with the intent to limit bodily autonomy and effectively erase the rights of LGBTQ2SIA+. My daughter should be able to focus on things that normal teen girls her age are interested in, instead, she is constantly worried that her rights to exist as her true self and her access to life saving gender affirming care is threatened. She is already asking me, "mom, do we need to move out of this country?" Can you imagine being a teenager and wondering if you should flee the country you were born in? But this is real for her and our family and so many families in our nation are facing these horrific decisions. We have already met two families with transgender children who moved to Oregon this past year as they left their home states of Texas and Florida because those states are rapidly pushing through awful anti-trans legislature.

SJR 33 is our opportunity as voters to protect the rights of ALL Oregonians. It is our chance to stand up to hate, it is our chance to be the voice and ally of our marginalized communities and to remind them that we see them, we honor them and that we will stand for everyone's right to live freely as they are. It is our chance to be on the right side of history, to ensure that we protect everyone in our community.