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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SJR33

Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp, and Members of the Committee,

Please support SJR 33, and give Oregonians the opportunity to affirm Oregon values in our state constitution.

It is shameful that bigotry is currently enshrined in our state constitution, please give Oregonians the opportunity to remove bigotry from our state constitution, and replace it with Oregon values. Oregonians should have the right to live a life free from bigotry.

Oregonians should have a right to marry who they love, regardless of gender. A Supreme Court Justice has publicly stated a desire to "reconsider" Obergefell, which means that marriage rights would be based on each states' own laws. Without SJR 33, the decades-old marriage bigotry clause in the Oregon Constitution will take effect, thousands of marriages will be cancelled, and our state government will be telling many thousands of Oregonians that they don't deserve basic human rights. This is not what Oregonians want, please give us a chance to fix it.

Oregonians have the right to make their own health care decisions and access the health care they need. Reproductive health care is health care. Gender affirming health care is health care. Oregonians should have the right to access this needed health care as much as any other type of needed health care. Oregonians support health care for ALL. "ALL" includes people seeking reproductive health care and gender affirming health care.

SJR 33 represents Oregon values, the deprecated marriage bigotry clause in our constitution does not. Please support SJR 33 and refer it to Oregon voters, so we can vote for it in the next general election.

Thank You,
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