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I support amending the constitution to allow equal rights and treatment for people of all genders, gender identities, and sexualities. I have lived in Oregon for all of my adult life, and I remember the despair I felt when the constitution was changed to limit marriage to one man and one woman. Ten years later, judicial rulings and statutory changes allowed my wife and I to marry; however, the Oregon Constitution still includes the language that would have prohibited us from entering into the legal contract of marriage. It is time to remove that language and update the constitution to truly protect all citizens and residents of Oregon from experiencing discrimination for being who they are and to treat all as equals under the law.