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As a transgender Oregonian currently living on the Eastern side of the state, I often find myself feeling outcast and unwanted by my fellow Oregonians. Upon seeing this hearing requesting testimony, I knew I had to speak up and add my voice. Parts of Oregon are unfortunately in the same backward-thinking mindset as the more conservative parts of the United States, and much like how those states (and the current federal level) do not prioritize ensuring my family and I get level treatment, I see my local government try and legislate me away, or ignore the fact I exist at all. This kind of change would be welcome and lifesaving for many Oregonians, and it has my support, even if it is only a stepping stone toward equity for minorities within the state. I look forward to seeing more in the future and hope to see my fellow Oregonians choose equity and reason in regard to SJR 33.