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

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to ask for your support in protecting the rights of trans and LGBTQ+ individuals in Oregon. As a concerned citizen, I have a young family member who is trans and lives in rural Oregon. Every day, I worry about their safety and well-being in a world that can be hostile towards those who do not conform to traditional gender norms.

My family member did not choose to be trans; it is simply a part of who they are. Since the age of two, they were playing with toys typically associated with boys, always grabbing for the footballs and trucks. They have grown into one of the kindest, most thoughtful, and coolest kids I have ever met.

It is crucial that we protect the most vulnerable members of our society, including the LGBTQ+ community. By supporting this bill, we can send a clear message that Oregon is a safe and inclusive place for young people to live, and that they will have access to essential services such as gender-affirming care. Even in Oregon's rural areas, trans people should be safe, protected, and have access to the services they need.

Thank you for considering my request to support trans and LGBTQ+ rights in Oregon.

Sincerely,
Elise F.