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Hello, I am glad to be able to share my views. I am a feminist of many years and care about rights of women and girls, also, about safety for young people. I am a deep supporter of LGBTQ community members, many of my family are LGBTQ identified and I want the best for them and all people in Oregon.

The reason I oppose: I am concerned with the way the bill combines reproductive health care for females with higher risk, potentially harmful "gender-affirming" interventions and treatments. This means that sex-based access and rights are wrongly coupled with potentially harmful steps related to gender identity. Some of these treatments have very poor long-term evidence.

The non-cooperation clauses could prevent efforts to explore regrets and harms.

The provisions that erase name/sex changes in the name of privacy are going to undermine critical single-sex spaces. These can be shelters, prison and lockers. There will be no limit to legal recognition of gender identity. This will erase distinctions on basis of sex that are reasonable and hard-won by feminists to create safe environments for females.

I am very concerned about provider immunities. This means the "care" that seems very ideologically motivated, will not be subject to meaningful informed consent or follow-up studies.

The package of provisions seems on its face to help LGBTQ people but many people who are gay or lesbian or bi - especially if still quite young - are struggling with homophobia, are pressured to label themselves as trans or non-binary, and will seek these serious interventions without coming to terms with their sexual and whole selves. Such people deserve the same high quality care as anyone and are not getting it: they are being fast-tracked by affirmation and encouragement to pursue hormone treatment and obtain surgeries.

Females whether they ID as LGBTQ or not, also deserve the very best and as I note, will not get that safety and privacy they need, with the proposed bill.