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I am writing to express my strong opposition to this bill. We don't need a ban on "conversion" therapy because it's virtually nonexistent today. When my child expressed a desire to seek gender exploratory therapy to help himself understand himself better and cope with his high level of anxiety, I couldn't find any therapist to help him other than those who promise to cut off his healthy organs and give him cross-sex hormones right away. In no other lines of mental health treatment, you "modify" a patient's body to align with his mental image. Why is this transgender line of medicine so different? Do you help people with anorexia lose more weight? Transgender treatment as it is in Oregon is not therapeutic but rather political and profit driven. There's no review of the patient's comorbid conditions or social economic situations. It is not any different from the previous medical scandals: lobotomy, shock therapy, opioid etc. History will look back at this period of collective blindness and may God forgive those who contributed to make this worse.