

To the Committee,

What you are attempting to do is a disgusting attack on morals and our children. While I do not take a solid stance on pro choice vs. prolife, I find this bill is crossing the line and completely inappropriate. In a state where it is illegal to smoke or drink prior to the age of 21, along with not being able to get a tattoo until the age of 18, you are trying to convince people the same children are capable of making permanent life altering decisions in their first years of adolescence. This is absurd. Children are not capable of making decisions of this magnitude and the parents should not be kept in the dark. We are facing a dire moral and societal crisis in this country and our communities due to policies like this. Undermining parents and their ability to actually raise respectable, contributing and properly functioning members of our communities. Decisions like these start the long line of poor decisions, peer pressure and eventual regret in too many of our youth these days.

This is a horrible decision and only further erodes the fabric of a respectable society, one that we have almost none left of. This will be one more policy we will see unfold in front of our eyes and backfire like so many we have seen. Just taking a walk through any city in Oregon, it is apparent the war zone like damage that policies like this have had on our once beautiful state.

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