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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, my name is Laura Mahoney and I am speaking in opposition to the gender-affirmation treatment sections of House Bill 2002.

In response to the part of the Bill 2002 that deals with Gender-affirming treatment, I want to point out that it is setting up great harm to our children under the guise of helping them.

Stopping or “putting a break” on puberty using hormones have irreversible side effects. I watched a doctor being asked about this. She said it is totally reversible. When pressed to prove her statements, she ended the interview. Which doctors can we trust to “first do no harm?” It’s easy to google side-effects

The providers, I’m just guessing here, means doctors, medical folks. This Bill 2002 gives them protection from being denied malpractice insurance or even from getting their license revoked. The thing is, is that there are no long term studies. How do we know, how do the doctors know that putting a healthy pre-pubescent child on medications that stop the natural and healthy growth of their body is safe and that the child will be happy with the decisions that were made by them??? (and of course the helpers...) Don’t we need to know this? I mean, they are doing it for the children!!, because, the child wants it. Does the child know and fully understand the long term effects? Really?

How can the children know, how can the parents know, how can the school counselors know, how can the social workers know, how can YOU know, if the medical professionals don’t really know.

I have lived in Oregon for over 30 years. I am a mother and grandmother. I oppose this Bill 2002 in its entirety.

Sincerely,  
Laura Mahoney