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On Behalf Of:

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Regarding HB 2002, I would like to speak to how the current gender affirming care in the state of Oregon

has negatively impacted my family. I am a father of three in Eugene. One of my children identifies as a transgender woman.

My child also has asperger syndrome severe OCD, dyslexia and a complex motor tic.

Even as an adult, my child

was not capable of making an informed decision regarding gender reassignment surgery that the State of Oregon

happily agreed to pay for under the current system. Given my child's disabilities, this surgery should not have been

unilaterally authorized without serious evaluation of the disabilities that my child is faced with. HB 2002 would

significantly expand these types of medical procedures. This is nothing short of a massive social experiment on

America's children. We need to deal with mental health issues first. Additionally, we should not be encouraging

the use of hormones on children. We should allow them to fully mature. I have lived this issue in my family and

because of my personal experience and firmly opposed to HB 2002.

Thank you.