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To Whom it May Concern,

House Bill 2002 has come to our attention.

Gender-affirming treatment offered to young adolescents is child-abuse at the highest level. It flies in the face of the proven science of our DNA and our biological make-up.

It does not protect our children but exploits a child's innocence while they are growing and changing so rapidly. Children may want to be a 'pirate' today but may become a lawyer when they grow up; today's 'tomboy' may become a loving wife and happy mother. Most children outgrow any gender dysphoria.

Children are too young to know and understand their rapidly changing bodies and desires. It is the parents who have the God-given responsibility to watch over and provide for their children, *not the state*.

"An oversimplification that all gender dysphoria has one cause and the only treatment is to transition", *is a lie*. Rushing to treatment at a time when our youth are the most vulnerable and often confused, as we all have experienced, is foolhardy, at best. Instead of getting the care they deserve, more confusion is promoted through the 'trans' indoctrination in our schools and media and society. We are pushing them down a path of permanent change and regret.

No medical diagnosis. No mental health evaluations. Many, if not most, children who medically transition & later regret it is proven by the high suicide rates. Those who transition have suicide rates "19x higher than population matched controls". Many who have attempted to change their bodies feel abused by the medical professionals who have pledged the oath to 'first, do no harm'. Often the child is made sterile or develops chronic symptoms as a result of their treatments. It takes a healthy young person and causes them to become dependent on the medical/pharmaceutical industry for the rest of their lives. Now realistically, who profits??? NOT THE CHILD. Psychoanalysts hear children say, after transition, '*I have ruined my life. I had a perfectly good body and now it's ruined*'. Offering puberty blockers followed by cross-sex hormones, without clinical safety trials, with so much unknown about the long-term risks is CHILD ABUSE & CRIMINAL.

This law is being promoted by adults who obviously have unsolved gender dysphoria themselves and are blinded by their own deception. Again, this thinking does NOT FOLLOW SCIENCE. Our DNA & our biological make up does not lie, it is *proven* science.

HOUSE BILL 2002 also limits parental rights for abortions, protects abortionists, and punishes those who may stand in the way of someone getting an abortion. This bill

wants to support the murder of the unborn in unprecedented ways. We must protect the lives of young Oregonians not destroy them.

Giving abortions to young girls without parental consent is wrong! Allowing young girls to be sterilized without parental consent is wrong! Allowing people to conceal the birth of an infant is wrong! Again, it is the parents who have the God-given responsibility to protect and provide for their children, *NOT THE STATE*. House Bill 2002 will encourage the abuse of young girls to go unreported while their abusers will go unpunished and continue to abuse. This is not 'pro-choice' legislation, this is CHILD ABUSE from start to finish.

Please fight to PROTECT our youth and save Oregon's children and vote NO on House Bill 2002.

