

Date: March 20, 2023

To: The House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Re: HB2002

I am writing in support of HB2002, which will provide much-needed health care for Oregonians. Across Oregon, from Gold Beach to Joseph, parents who see their children in gender-dysphoric crisis need access to the medical care provided by licensed providers with experience in the field. Parents and trans kids cannot wait for more studies, more data. We have emergent medical needs that must be dealt with now. Please protect and expand access to this critical care for all Oregonians.

There is certainly still much to know about treating gender dysphoria and understanding the transgender experience. However, we must continue to provide medical support for trans kids and parents while we gather data and learn more about being transgender. And we must provide legal protection for those who supply gender-affirming medical care in support of transgender people and their families.