



# ALIANZA PODER

A NETWORK OF SISTER ORGANIZATIONS

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To: Chair Rob Nosse, Vice-Chair Travis Nelson, Vice-Chair Christine Goodwin, members of the House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

From: Joanne Mina  
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RE: Letter of Support for HB 2002

Dear members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

I write on behalf of Alianza Poder Network to express our full support for HB 2002 which modifies provisions relating to access to reproductive health care and gender-affirming treatment strengthening protections for providers of and individuals receiving reproductive and gender-affirming health care services, creates crime of interfering with a healthcare facility and right of action for person or health care provider aggrieved by interference with health care facility. Additionally it repeals criminal provisions relating to concealing birth and declares an emergency, effective on passage. Alianza Poder stands firmly on our values of dignity, respect and equity in all its forms, including gender equity and the sovereignty of individuals to make choices for themselves.

We are losing our youth to suicide due to an intolerant world created on beliefs that exclude and seek to alianate gender non- conforming human beings. This is a replica of the practices used in the “conquista” to erase and exterminate peoples and cultures. For comunidades Latinas, Indigenas, y Afro-descendientes in Oregon the witch hunt around gender and reproductive rights is a reiteration of the assault on our human rights. In the Americas prior to European’s arrival people identified in more than two genders across the continent, the idea of excluding or shaming our multiple genders and / or non-gender cosmovision and beliefs came from Europeans imposing their various forms of christianity on others. This no longer aligns with Oregon’s values and you, our elected officials must codify our rights to gender and reproductive care.

Established in 2003, Alianza Poder is a collaborative of sister organizations, hosted and coordinated by the CAPACES Leadership Institute (CLI), which are serving, organizing, and building the leadership of our comunidades Latinas, Indigenas, y Afro-descendientes in Oregon



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to improve the quality of life for all, especially working families. HB 2002 aligns with our values and its approval would further improve the quality of life of Oregonians.

Alianza Poder sister organizations: Pineros y Campesino Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN), Farmworker Housing Development Corporation, Mano a Mano Family Center, Latinos Unidos Siempre, Centro de Servicios Para Campesinos, Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas, Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality, Radio Poder 98.3, EVOLVE Workforce & Multifamily Housing Services and Capaces Leadership Institute urge you to support and vote YES on HB 2002.

Sincerely,

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