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I am a pediatrician practicing in Happy Valley, and I support HB 2002. Reproductive and gender-affirming care is critical for the health and wellness of our children. Every child should have access to the care they need to support their physical and mental wellness. When the government restricts or denies people from receiving comprehensive, evidence-based medical care from qualified medical professionals, it always results in worse health outcomes, high costs in healthcare spending, and lost productivity due to illness and death. The government has no authority to restrict the freedom of its citizens to live their fullest lives except to the minimum amount necessary to protect the public interest. The only interests being protected by restricting access to reproductive or gender-affirming healthcare are those of prejudiced interest groups seeking to impose their religious and ideological views on others. This is unacceptable in Oregon.