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On Behalf Of:

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Representatives Nosse, Goodwin, Nelson, Bowman, Conrad Dexter, Javadi, Morgan, Pham, and Tran,

As the parent of a child who adopted a trans identity as a teen, I strongly oppose this bill. I have 20 years of working in the field of Education, 12 of it in HeadStart. I have extensive training on Child Development and a Master's Degree in Education.

A few months ago, after never showing any signs in the interest of being a boy, my daughter announced that she is Trans. This follows several of her friends coming out as Trans, Non-binary, Gay, etc. As a child, she always leaned toward more feminine things without any urging from myself or the rest of the family. Even now that she says she's Trans, she looks and acts like a typical girl. The GSA at her school immediately started calling her by a new pronoun and name. I didn't find this out until after my daughter told me. I wouldn't have ever known otherwise. I also found out that one of her teachers started calling her by her new pronoun and most others had started using her new name.

Social Transition might sound harmless, but it can lead a child down a very dangerous road.

It has caused much disruption in our household and with my relationship with my child. We had always been very close, but this quickly drove a wedge between us. After researching this issue, I have become very concerned about the laws in our State and have considered moving to another state even though my family is here and I grew up here. I would do anything to protect my daughter. She is at a very vulnerable age, almost 13.

When my boyfriend told me that children can receive Puberty Blockers in Oregon at the age of 14, I thought he was being ridiculous. This is something that could cause life-long severe health issues. A child does not have the maturity and brain capacity to make good judgements about such a serious intervention and its implications. Also, there is very little research on the long-term effects of these drugs. As a parent, I have the right to know if my daughter is making such big choices. She deserves to have loving parents involved in making huge, irreversible decisions like that.

This is also important in the case that my daughter ever get pregnant and decide that she wants an abortion. I would want to know so I can give her the love and care she needs, as well as help her make the decision that an abortion is the best choice for

her.

I strongly oppose SB 2002.