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On Behalf Of:

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I mistyped earlier- there was added amendments which support the reproductive and gender affirming care in oregon as well as protecting those coming here and those out of state.

In full support

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Oregon has been a safer haven for our queer population and passing this bill will remove significant protections as it currently stands. Reading through the testimonies it's clear many think they should be involved with personal matters in the doctors office or someone's personal choice. This is not our business, no one anywhere has any right to decide what we do to our bodies as long as we are not harming another. Oregon provides death with dignity, many who come here to participate. We allow abortions giving uterus bearing folks the option to decide what to do and to protect themselves. I myself had a very risky pregnancy where 3 of the top specialists in the state said they could not promise the safety of me or my child and recommended termination and that is was not safe to do outpatient. I can't imagine being in a situation where someone who is medically fragile being forced to travel long distances or simply not having access to care. I am happy to report despite all the evidence pointing otherwise, my son was born at 29 weeks and doing great now. We have gender affirming care which has been shown to reduce suicide risk and allows people to be who they are without fear. This is a slippery slope, one that ends badly for all of us if we start to interfere with what is decided in the doctors office. Regardless of your religious or personal views, it's not about you. The propaganda that is flooding this nation right now is deplorable, oregon has a chance to stand with other states like Minnesota and protecting our most vulnerable. Vote yes, stay out of the doctors office as we have with other issues.