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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2002

I am in strong opposition to HB 2002. Frankly, the evil of this proposed legislation is shocking.

Parents are responsible for the protection, care and guidance of their children. Minor children must have parental consent for most things, teeth cleaning, x-rays, ear piercing, counseling. In fact, school employees may not administer so much as an aspirin to a child for a headache. This proposed bill would actually prohibit school administration from

communicating with parents about their child's gender identity. Above and beyond that, it would allow for a minor child to make a choice to be administered so called "puberty blockers" without parental consent or knowledge. It is not well researched as to what the long term effects of these medications actually are.

Kids should be protected. The age of 21

is the legal age to buy and consume alcohol and cannabis. Those substances leave the human system relatively quickly with little effect in the short term. It is completely unknown what the permanent effect "puberty blockers" will have on a teenager. It seems completely irresponsible to allow human children to be used as "experiments".

Also, as an Oregon taxpayer, I do not wish to have any part in this travesty, financial or otherwise. My tax dollars should be carefully stewarded and used for the good. I very strongly object to any taxpayer monies being used to promote and fund the destruction and mutilation of human beings, particularly children.

Beyond the above points I object as a Christian. I believe all human beings are created in the image of God. We are commanded to love. This legislation seems to me to be the opposite of love. It is destructive and wrong.

Thank you for your time.