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Please vote yes and pass this urgently needed bill. Reproductive rights and trans healthcare are currently under attack in many states of the US. These attacks include filing hundreds of hateful bills banning gender-affirming care, as well as violent threats on doctors and clinics who perform gender-affirming care and abortion. These attacks on bodily autonomy show no signs of stopping any time soon.

Trans patients, and people in need of abortions, need strong legal protection, and assured access to lifesaving care. Oregon must become a safe haven where trans people will be safe from assaults on bodily autonomy in these dangerous times. Doctors and clinics need to be protected from attempts by bigots to intimidate them, whether such intimidation comes in the form of violent harassment or of other states criminalizing necessary health care.

For years Oregon medicaid explicitly excluded coverage for gender-affirming care, and even now does not currently cover most gender-affirming surgeries except in special cases. Facial feminization surgery in particular has an enormous positive effect on the health and safety of trans women and will save lives. It is time for Oregon to move into the 21st century and guarantee coverage of gender-affirming care for all trans people, including the most marginalized. It is time for Oregon to expand reproductive health care access for all, including the most marginalized.

Thank you for writing and introducing this urgently needed bill. Please vote yes on HB 2002 and make it law.