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On Behalf Of:

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Oregon House Healthcare Committee

Testimony re: 2023 Oregon HB 2002

Hello

I am a practicing pharmacist since 1981, I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

-This bill forces pharmacists to dispense something that may go against strongly held beliefs. It is clear that at the point of conception a fetus contains the full complement of human genetic material. The fetus is therefore a human, not merely some tissue. As our medical skills progress, babies can be removed from the womb earlier and earlier and grow into children and then adults. Is it even right that a healthcare provider be required to do something that clearly is the opposite of patient health and safety, which we seem to hold so dear?

-Should the government dictate what is clinically best? If this is now becoming the role of government, I need to find a less scary place to live. A place where the government doesn't demand that a fully human fetus be killed. That the government doesn't demand that a healthcare provider commit what should be a crime.

-It's strange that if a pregnant woman is killed, it can be considered a double homicide, but to kill an unwanted baby is considered justifiable, simply because the baby is an inconvenience. You can argue cases of rape and incest, but these are a very small minority and should not set the precedents. These should be handled separately. The issue at stake here is a reluctance to act responsibly towards sexual relations. This bill puts the desire for sex without the potential for pregnancy above human life. You can couch it in all kinds of terms to make it sound acceptable, but it is simply wrong.

Thank you for searching your conscience to determine the only ethical way to vote - NO.