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On Behalf Of:

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As a pediatrician in Oregon, practicing in the state for the last 14 years, I write to strongly support HB2002.

I have witnessed gender-diverse youth suffer when they do not have access to affirming health care. Their needs should be met and doctors who provide their care should be protected, not vilified.

Many times youth who do NOT have access to gender affirming care end up needing higher levels of care in emergency rooms or psychiatric facilities. The financial costs and emotional burdens of these higher levels of care are unacceptable.

Please support HB2002.