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In my experience working with adolescents in high school and young women through social services, I view both abortion and transgender services through the lens of the long-term well-being of the persons involved. Abortion and physically changing one's gender have in common that the person or persons involved have to live with irreversible decisions. Those who suffer depression, addiction, and grief are left out of the discussion once the money is paid and the first crisis is over. And, believe me, this is the case.

Abortion and transgender services have become big business and no one, especially Oregon politicians, wants to say no to Planned Parenthood. But it is time to open your eyes to the destructive effects IN THE LIVES OF WOMEN that irresponsible bills like HB2002 will have.