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I oppose SJR 33 for the simple reason that enumerating rights for the listed groups, actions, behaviors, and lifestyles will abrogate rights of those who live, believe, and behave otherwise. Contrary to the assertions of those who've written in support of the bill, the last Census showed that gays and trans people account for less than 5% of the population. I've no personal interest in either lifestyle. Reason One: my faith. This bill could be turned on all whose sense of morality and wellness is founded on their belief systems. (Like the pending 'Right to Rest' bill which gives the homeless the right to sue property owners who 'disturb' them.) Reason Two: Voters approved one-man, one-woman marriage in the Oregon Constitution for the preservation and strengthening of natural family almost 20 years ago. (2004 or 2005, I don't recall). I helped gather signatures to put that measure on the ballot. It seemed and still seems to me that one judge shouldn't have had the power to thwart the overwhelming majority of voters. Reason Three: calling abortion "healthcare" is a flagrant lie. It murders a baby and causes deep emotional harm to the mother and frequently to the father. That harm doesn't always surface for a few years, or several, but many would-have-been parents suffer subsequently. Advocates of abortion should consider that the life 'snuffed' would one day be paying taxes--and you legislators should welcome the resources. The 'snuffed' ones might invent things we'd live better if we had them. While growing to maturity, they provide jobs for teachers, doctors, clothiers, grocers, etc. Reason Four: well, just talk to some "detransitioners" for that reason. Bodies and lives ruined by depression, loss of fertility, and even suicide.

The sponsors of this Bill may think there is compassion herein. NO WAY! IT IS BLIND AND HEARTLESS. Do not pass SJR 33.

Or, do go ahead and put it on the ballot and see who doesn't get re-elected. Are you ready to be retired?