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On Behalf Of: Faith Leaders of Oregon for Reproductive Justice  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: SJR33

Testimony in support of SJR 33 Equal Rights for All ballot referral

My name is Dana Buhl, (she/her). I serve First Unitarian Church of Portland as the Director of Social Justice. I submit this testimony on behalf of Faith Leaders of Oregon for Reproductive Justice. We are clergy and faith leaders from many traditions, including Unitarian Universalist, Methodist, Jewish, Presbyterian, and Lutheran faith communities and we support the Equal Rights for All ballot measure.

Though we hold diverse religious beliefs, we speak with one voice proclaiming that every body, every person, is sacred, has inherent worth and dignity, and should be respected and protected no matter their gender identity, no matter their sexual orientation. We believe that people should have the fundamental freedom to make decisions about their own healthcare, including abortion and gender affirming care, and should have the right to marry who they love.

We urge you to pass SJR 33 and refer the Equal Rights for All measure to the voters. As faith leaders, we support abortion care, full spectrum reproductive healthcare, gender affirming care and the right of people to marry who they love not despite our religious beliefs, but because of them.

Thank you.