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As a female college student, we are all incredibly aware of the dangers presented to young women, even on the campuses many of us call home. We walk with keys in hand, call a friend when walking at night, and avoid going to dark places. Even while taking all of these precautions, violence and sexual assault against women still runs rampant, even on campuses that promote safety and run sexual assault prevention programs. Women's autonomy is already impeded in this manner, and being able to make choices about our own bodies should be obvious in a world where men simply walking behind us sets off alarm bells. SJR 33 will only improve what Oregonians already overwhelmingly support- access to gender-affirming care, protections for the LGBTQ+ community, and the freedom to choose privately. As a queer woman who was victim to sexual assault on my own college campus, I personally understand the importance of services and resources for survivors. Passing this bill would create a safe space for people of all genders and sexual orientations. Oregon has long been a safe haven for people like me, and I hope you all consider this when voting today.