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This is not a political issue. It is an issue of living in a civil society where all women can maintain public safety, or facing a society where we cannot. There are no rights being denied to males nor females who wish to identify outside of their sexed reality. Forcing everyone to behave as if this is their reality, too, is what is being fought over. Women in particular need to be able to maintain the right to draw boundaries around our bodies when it comes to public life. We need to retain the right to recognize sex in others for our own safety and liberty.

Sweden, the U.K., Finland, Norway, and France have all pulled back on transitioning children because they performed systematic reviews of all evidence. Those reviews have shown the evidence is weak or inconclusive about this being life-saving care. It is not clear that there is such an objective, stable identity category as 'gender identity.' It does not present in any part of the body, unlike sexual orientation, which can be objectively measured. 'Gender identity' is a subjective statement, and it is very clear that a large number of people transition out of this, or suddenly wake up to realize they were just having an idea about themselves, rather than a deep and stable experience.

Allowing anyone to be protected on the classification of a subjective feeling such as 'gender identity' when we have protection under the classification of sex is unfair to others. We don't need to preserve, or grant, special and unique rights to any man or woman in Oregon based on statements they make about themselves.

By granting protections to Oregonians under the subjective category of 'gender identity,' women - who have an objective, embodied reality as female - are placed in undignified and debasing positions of having to share intimate accommodations such as toilets, locker rooms, dorms, rape crisis centers, prisons, and hospital wards with men who feel they are women. It leaves women voiceless and unable to legally combat sexual pestering, voyeurism, and sexual exhibitionism. It also places women in positions of being vulnerable to physical sexual attacks.

Placing the category of 'gender identity' on a level with sex, leads to an uncivil society. It is inhumane to ignore the obvious safeguarding risks this poses to women and children.

Do not allow this to go forward for the sake of half the population of Oregon:
Females.