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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SJR33

I oppose SJR 33. Please vote NO on SJR 33.

I agree that individuals are important and have the freedom to make choices; however not all choices ought to be enshrined in Oregon's Constitution.

Historically, you were once in your own mother's womb until you were born. All of us who are alive have experienced developing in our mother's womb and birth—even though we don't recall the experience. You and I have always been unique individuals, apart from our mothers. Needless to say, a child in or out of the womb is a separate, distinct individual life (spirit, soul, body, mind, DNA, heartbeat...). No one has the right to take the life of a child at any age. Inside or outside of the womb, to take the life of the child is murder—regardless of age. Abortion should not be enshrined in Oregon's Constitution.

Historically, an individual is born as a male or a female. Natural Law is clear on this, and thanks to scientific advances, male chromosomes and female chromosomes can be seen via a microscope. Gender-altering procedures of an individual are irrevocable and have been proven to cause damage to and deep regret by those who have eventually detransitioned. Therefore, procedures to alter an individual's gender should not be enshrined in Oregon's Constitution.

Historically, for thousands of years, natural marriage is between one man and one woman. Natural Law is clear that it takes a male and a female to have a baby—which produces generations. And, historically marriage is defined as: "The act of uniting a man and woman for life; wedlock; the legal union of a man and woman for life. Marriage is a contract both civil and religious, by which the parties engage to live together in mutual affection and fidelity, till death shall separate them. Marriage was instituted by God himself for the purpose of preventing the promiscuous intercourse of the sexes, for promoting domestic felicity, and for securing the maintenance and education of children." -Webster's 1828 Dictionary. Oregon voters recognize the importance of and approved one-man, one-woman marriage in the Oregon Constitution. It's natural marriages that historically preserve family and cause a stable society.

Additionally, it perpetuates hate toward those who disagree with SJR 33 and it limits their Constitutional rights to exercise their faith.

Again, please vote NO on SJR 33.

