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

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE:  
I STRONGLY OPPOSE SJR 33 BECAUSE IF PASSED:

- It would refer a Ballot Measure to voters which would enshrine abortion up to the moment of birth in the Oregon Constitution.
- It will also threaten conscience protections for those professionals who may be opposed to abortion including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, etc. If these protections are removed from health professionals, many would be forced to step down, and we already have a shortage of qualified health professionals.
- The title of the proposed Ballot Measure is “ENUMERATION OF RIGHTS, THE DENIAL OF WHICH WOULD VIOLATE THE EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS”. THIS TITLE IS DESIGNED TO MISLEAD VOTERS INTO THINKING THAT THEY ARE VOTING FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE.
- Preborn infants are also human beings who begin to feel pain as early as 15 weeks or earlier. They deserve to have rights just as much as human beings who are already born.
- There are so many options for the teen girl or young woman who has a crisis pregnancy, such as receiving help from the many Pregnancy Resource Centers & Maternity Homes in OR. They not only meet the physical and emotional needs not met by health insurance or the OHP, but they stand by these mothers after they give birth, too.
- Because of lower fertility rates, many are unable to conceive physically and would love to adopt a child from someone willing to give her child life and place her child into the arms of another.

Because of these factors, I STRONGLY OPPOSE SJR 33 & URGE EACH ONE OF YOU SENATORS TO VOTE NO ON SJR 33.

Thank you!