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Our bodily autonomy and the ability to make our own healthcare decisions are under attack across the country. As a community college professor, I interact with students who are terrified that they will be unable to receive gender-affirming care, or that they will be forced to carry an unwanted or unviable pregnancy to term. Most of these students are legal adults and can currently make their own critical healthcare decisions - but if the madness that is playing out in other states makes its way to Oregon, even these adult students could lose the right to decide for themselves. For those students not yet 18 who are experiencing body or gender dysphoria, the fear is even higher. I choose to believe you have done your homework, and understand the statistics correlating the lack of gender-affirming care with a host of negative outcomes including teen suicide. While I worry about the hateful and damaging rhetoric that the opposition will undoubtedly spread once this measure goes on the ballot, getting these rights into the state constitution will be worth the fight.