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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure: SJR33

Members of the Committee,

My name is Becca and I am writing to express support for Senate Joint Resolution 33.

We are in the midst of a wave of anti-bodily autonomy, and therefore anti-human rights, legislation across the country. Our basic human rights to be who we are, love who we will, and make decisions about our own reproductive futures are under attack. Every person deserves to live a life free from discrimination, and to have access to the full range of sexual and reproductive healthcare in order to care for their bodies and live the futures they plan for themselves.

Queer and trans people like me are in a fight for our lives, and we cannot count on the Supreme Court to protect our fundamental human rights. We can and should expect that people who hate us will continue to chip away at our legal protections and our safety, and will continue to come for us in every aspect of our lives. We need SJR 33 to enshrine our core values in the Oregon constitution and ensure that we can make deeply personal decisions free from government interference, including the right to abortion, contraception, and same-gender marriage.

I have had to watch at a distance, helpless, as family and friends in my birth state of Texas have had their rights stripped over and over again. As an abortion fund volunteer, I have worked with people traveling to Oregon for normal and necessary healthcare that is now illegal in their home states. I have seen firsthand what our future is if we do not move quickly and decisively to protect Oregonians. Please understand that we can avoid an immense amount of physical and emotional human suffering by passing SJR 33, and it is our duty to do so. Oregonians overwhelmingly support our fundamental freedom to control our own bodies, lives, and futures without government interference, and voters' voices deserve to be heard.

This is why I urge you to pass SJR 33. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Becca H.