

Oregon AFSCME Council 75 stands in full support of SJR 33. We believe that women in Oregon should be given the right to make private medical decisions completely devoid of state interference. Women's decisions should reside only between themselves and their medical provider. The government has no place legislating on a woman's body, and a majority of Oregonians have voted to support this sentiment statewide. Oregon has long been a pioneer for the protection of women's rights, and it is important to solidify this stance, especially while women are continuing to lose the right to choose after the overturning of Roe v. Wade. With heinous attacks on transgender individuals occurring all over the county, it is especially important that we act now to protect members of the LGBTQ+ community and their families. All people deserve the right to gender-affirming healthcare. Transgender individuals are among the most vulnerable members of our communities, and it is our job to protect them and pass legislation that lifts them up and celebrates them. We believe that SJR 33 encompasses these sentiments and will continue to provide transgender people with life-saving care. We urge you to listen to people's stories and join us in standing with marginalized individuals and communities in Oregon.

As a labor union serving members all over the state, AFSCME understands the importance of fair, equitable, and unbiased legislation. We believe this joint resolution will continue to protect the most vulnerable and stand in solidarity with our members fighting for equal rights across the state of Oregon.

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