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As a young person living with learning disabilities I find it incredibly important to, one: stand up for the things that I believe in, and two: support the community that I am so deeply apart of. I have people that I am close to who are greatly affected by their disabilities and are in constant worry over if their employment will continue to be respected by employers who, frankly, could not care less about their employees. Unfair business practices are becoming more common and more apparent. As a state, Oregon has become a bastion for those who are different. For those who are not able to exist in other states because of harsh conditions and increasingly dangerous beliefs. To continue on to provide protections for those who need them most would be in keeping with the current trajectory of our state. Also, just why not? What is the harm in doing this? Who does it hurt? The answer: no one.