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RE: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners- **HB 2002 B** Testimony-OPPOSED

Dear Oregon Legislators,

Please accept this testimony **OPPOSING House Bill 2002 B.**

House Bill 2002 represents an unconscionable erosion of parental authority and involvement in our children's lives. It turns parents into subservient co-parents with the government, with strangers making critical healthcare decisions for our kids during a delicate time in their lives. The bill would eliminate parental consent/notification for contraceptive and abortion access for ANY age. Would the majority of Oregonians agree that a 10-year-old girl should be driven to an abortion clinic by her school-based clinic without informing her parents? The answer is a resounding NO.

House Bill 2002 would also mandate transgender services under threat of jail time and fines. Providers who decide to perform transgender services on children would of course be hidden from public scrutiny, with their identities concealed. The transgender surgery industry is a lucrative business, with "doctors" starting to prescribe puberty blockers to school children as young as 8 years old. Worse, "doctors" are convincing teens as young as 15 years old that they are mature enough to decide to remove their natural sex organs. This would be an allowable practice in our schools under this bill. It's evil and outrageous.

The Democratic legislators who are sponsoring this horrific bill are the very same legislators who supported raising the legal age to purchase cigarettes to 21 because teenagers are susceptible to the tentacles of addictive substances and do not have enough life perspective to understand the cancer-causing effects of nicotine use. It is incomprehensible then, that a 15-year-old would have the context and cognitive ability to make a permanent life decision to remove his/her sex organs.

This bill constitutes the maiming of children by adults who apparently seek to prioritize healthcare profits over the welfare of our children. When children under 18 cannot legally sign contracts and need written permission from a doctor and parent, and a parent present, to get a tattoo in Oregon, the hidden agenda behind bills like this is exposed. This is not a bill to expand healthcare access, it is an extreme ideological push to separate the natural, protective rights of parents from the children we brought into this world.

The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners will stand up for the thousands of innocent lives you are targeting with this bill. Legislation involving children should be rooted in child protection, not child exploitation.

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