



**OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

May 1, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2002-B

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this letter as my official vote explanation on House Bill 2002-B.

I voted no on HB 2002-B for the same reasons I spoke to on the House Floor. HB 2002-B rolls back parental involvement in permanent, life, and body-altering procedures.

The policies we propagate as a House of Representatives influence Oregonians' behaviors. By degrading the relationship between parent and child, I fear we risk discouraging parents from taking responsibility for their children's well-being.

We should instead be pursuing policies that encourage parental involvement. Many other states have a default of parental knowledge and consent. For instance, where a parent is not acting in the best interest of a child, there are other ways to proceed. But the default is parental engagement. We have alternatives, but HB 2002-B rejects that middle ground for extreme policies that shut out parents from the very beginning.

Respectfully submitted into the House record,

Tracy Cramer  
State Representative  
House District 22