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Hello, my name is Salem and I am testifying against LD975, I am writing this on March 27th, 2025. I have three kids, the first I had when I was 17. I do not regret having my kids by any means, but even disregarding the struggle it was to stay afloat, to live, the damage pregnancy has done to my body is enough for me to never want another person to be forced into that experience. Pregnancy is a risk, point blank, your risk of dying increases exponentially the moment that egg implants. From being ill and malnutrition to seizures and death. No one should be subjected to the cruelty of a forced pregnancy nor should we be demanding people to sacrifice their bodies when we cannot even guarantee adequate healthcare, especially if the pregnancy causes everlasting issues. Food? Shelter? Do we not have enough children in the foster system? Children abused? Neglected? Hungry? You focus on this and ignore the community building that would lessen abortion in the first place. I have a right to my body, just as everyone else does, and no one in the government can condemn me to a life of misery, poverty, and ill health which is what pregnancy most often causes within the United States. Must we raise our infant and maternal death rates higher for those wanting to ban abortion to see the harm? Or do they not care..?