

Robin Goodspeed – Testimony Against OR HB 2307 Therapy Ban
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My name is Robin Goodspeed. I'm an Ex Homosexual, Ex Lesbian. I lived my adult life as a lesbian. I was not "born gay." I was sexually abused at the age of 2 by a pedophile babysitter without the knowledge of my family. As a result of being sexually abused, I began a life-long battle with anger, depression, addiction, and suicide and began making choices that led to a life of homosexuality. Therapy was not a choice for my family and I suffered a nervous breakdown at the age of 13. I lapsed into depression, addiction, and suicidal obsession, turned away from God, and became an atheist.

I had my first lesbian sexual experience in college while drunk with my best female friend. In spite of depression, alcoholism, and suicidal thinking, I was deeply ashamed of my first lesbian encounter. I sought counseling help for suicide and addiction and was told I was "born that way." I went to 7 therapists for depression, addiction, and suicide during a 20 year period in the 1980's and 90's and every one of them told me the lie that I was "born gay." Even the therapist who helped me face the sexual abuse I endured as a child told me "that's who you are," while I was on suicide watch. I embraced that lie because, as a homosexual, I was never held accountable for my choices or the damage that I did to myself and others. I lived as an "out" lesbian for 35 years, but long term sobriety and lesbian relationships did not bring peace or remove my deep seated shame.

In 2007 I experienced the breakup of another lesbian relationship, the loss of a job, and the death of a parent. For the first time, suffering shame, guilt, and grief, I honestly examined my childhood and finally admitted that I was not "born that way." I went back to church and in 2009 God led me to witness the story of a man freed from alcoholism, addiction, and suicide through the power of Jesus Christ. I knew instantly that Jesus Christ could heal me of homosexuality and He did. I was freed from all desire to continue in the homosexual life and called to tell the truth about homosexuality. There is no scientific data or proof that there is a homosexual gene or that anyone is "born gay." Homosexuality is a behavior and a choice.

I did not choose to be sexually abused as a child, but I did choose homosexuality. I made choices that led to that life and I spent a lifetime fighting depression, addiction, suicide and being victimized by "born gay" lies from the culture and counseling community. I know other Ex Gays who have had similar experiences. This bill is designed to condemn children like we were to the same homosexual prison that we escaped. Licensed Professional Therapists doing Reparative Therapy help sexual abuse victims like me heal from trauma from predators and help all families struggling with unwanted homosexual feelings. Would you deny that choice to your child or grandchild? All families and children in the State of Oregon deserve the choice to heal.

Thank you.