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I urge you to support this bill safeguarding reproductive healthcare and access to gender affirming healthcare. The anti-LGBTQ backlash happening across the country right now is alarming and frankly tragic; I have friends who don't feel safe going home any longer because their home state has made their hostility to women and LGBTQ people more than clear. Oregon is my home, and I want nothing more from my home for my friends and family to feel safe building their lives here. I can repeat all the science and statistics that demonstrate that protecting reproductive autonomy and bodily autonomy that healthcare and mental health professionals have been repeating up and down until they're blue in the face, but this is an emotional appeal and I honest don't know how to say it to convey the depth of feeling. All I can say is please: I want my friends and family to feel safe building their lives here. I want to feel safe building my life here.