

Submitter: Ava Spencer

On Behalf Of: Regis High School

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4088

Dear House Committee,

I am Ava Spencer. I am a 17-year-old young woman and have been living here in Oregon for over 10 years. I love our state deeply, yet it pains me to see how unprotective we are of others. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to bill HB 4088, as it does not provide healing but rather harm. Abortion hurts women; I can speak from knowing, as abortion has touched and torn apart my own family. Countless women are abused by abortion. We are forsaken in our most vulnerable states and are forced to go through something so horrific rather than receive actual help and care from others. Especially with the now widespread use of the abortion pill, women are more abandoned than ever.

The abortion pill, which, in HB 4088, will be allowed to be given out without consequence, entirely disrespects women. The abortion pill is not healthcare. The women who take it are forced to go into labor and practically give birth alone and without the aid of medical professionals. “Nearly 1 in 10 women who have a chemical abortion experience serious adverse events such as severe hemorrhage, infection, and sepsis” (Live Action). The abortion is neither safe nor ethical. It is merely a way that corrupt “reproductive healthcare” providers are attempting to wash their hands free of the woman’s “problem” and have no responsibility. By passing HB 4088, our state would allow the abuse of women to continue, and at a rapid rate.

As a *woman* and Oregonian, I urge you to reject HB 4088. This bill will cause irreversible harm to women and families. Please consider my concerns as you decide on this matter. Thank you for reading my testimony.

Sincerely,

Ava E. Spencer

President of Regis High School's Little Lambs Pro-life Club