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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4088

Dear Chair Representative Kropf, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Wallan and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Rainer Rivenburgh, MAAT, ATR-BC, CATA, SEP, LPC, and I am a resident of Portland, Oregon, where I have served as a therapist and clinical supervisor for the past 6 years. I am in STRONG support of this bill.

Privacy between patient and medical provider is enshrined as a right by HIPAA, yet those who scapegoat transgender people for political purposes seek to tear down this law in order to violate rights and criminalize human diversity. All Oregonians deserve access to healthcare without fear for safety.

As a provider bound by the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics, I act to uphold the autonomy of my patients, given my primary responsibility to uphold the dignity and welfare of my clients. This bill would protect my ongoing ability to do so.

As federal threats to vulnerable client populations increase, Oregon has a responsibility to protect providers' responsibility to practice evidence-based healthcare and to protect identifiable patient data and privacy.

Please vote YES on HB4088 to ensure that Oregonians can receive healthcare safely and privately. Thank you for your time and attention in reading this testimony, and for the work you do on behalf of all Oregonians.