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

My name is Adie Steckel and I am Manager of Grants and Public Affairs at Cascade AIDS Project, also known as CAP.

I am testifying on behalf of CAP and Prism Health, our safety net clinic in Portland that specializes in providing affirming healthcare for transgender, nonbinary, and other LGBTQ+ people. I am here in strong support of HB 4088. Nearly half of our 4,000-plus patients at Prism Health have a gender dysphoria diagnosis and receive medically necessary and evidence-based gender-affirming care.

HB 4088 provides concrete safeguards for evidence-based health care in Oregon, including at clinics like ours. These include protections from out-of-state actions, protections for patients' private health data, provider licensing protections, name and gender marker privacy protections, and provider privacy protections. Together, these safeguards ensure the rights of all Oregonians to make personal medical decisions with their physician, without fear or intimidation of government interference, which as direct links to care access, quality of care, and patient safety. On a daily basis, Prism Health clinicians see how care can't thrive amidst such rampant fear. That same fear is the reason that I am here in this seat testifying instead of our dedicated and passionate providers, whose personal information we have also scrubbed from our websites as protection from doxxing.

With increasing attacks from the federal administration on reproductive rights and LGBTQ+ health care, our patients are concerned for the future of their care, and our clinicians are fearful for their safety. This bill is critical to safeguarding patient privacy and protecting medical providers like those at Prism Health from mounting criminalization threats. It also ensures that all Oregonians can receive the health care they need without fear or discrimination. In Oregon, gender-affirming and reproductive care remains legal; patients should be able to access it, and providers should be able to deliver it without fear of federal intimidation or retaliation.

I urge you to vote YES on HB 4088 to affirm and expand Oregon's commitment to medical privacy, patient autonomy, and safe access to care.

Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to care for all Oregonians.

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