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HB4088

I am a mental health counselor who lives in Portland, Oregon. I'm writing in strong support for HB 4088. To put it simply, it is essential that all Oregonians can access the care they need and providers can offer that care, without fear of discrimination or retaliation. This bill is critical in safeguarding patient privacy, protecting medical providers from mounting criminalization threats, and ensuring that all Oregonians can receive the health care they need without fear or discrimination.

Federal and out-of-state threats are escalating. LGBTQ+ and reproductive rights are among those being targeted. Oregon has the opportunity to protect health care providers' ability to practice medicine and protect personally identifiable patient data and identity records through the passage of this bill. This opportunity may not be available in the future, and it is up to our leaders to put protections in place now that will safeguard our future. It is my belief that ensuring these protections increases safety for everyone.

I urge you to vote YES on HB 4088 to protect patients, providers, and privacy in Oregon. Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to the people of Oregon.