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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4088

Dear members of the committee,

My name is Aimee Stone and I am submitting my comment in support of HB 4088 to ensure that all Oregonians have access to a whole range of reproductive healthcare and gender affirming care. The choice of whether or not to carry a baby to full term is a decision made in private with a persons medical provider, and they should feel safe and secure knowing that that information stays confidential. Given our current political climate, the repeal of Roe v Wade, and the increasing threat to gender-affirming healthcare, it is critical that our elected officials protect Oregonian' access to this care and support providers so they can continue to treat patients without fear.

This bill is a necessary step in protecting our communities and our healthcare workers from extraditions due to the laws of other states, expands our licensing protections, and enshrines privacy protections for more healthcare staff. Healthcare workers should not have to live in fear for choosing to provide legal reproductive and general affirming care because of threats from more conservative states.

We only have 33 days left of this session, but this bill is beyond important. I urge you to take a stand for our healthcare workers and the patients they treat by supporting HB 4088