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With increasing attacks from the federal administration on the human right to healthcare, especially reproductive rights and LGBTQ+ health care, patients are concerned for the continuity of their care and healthcare professionals are fearful for their safety. HB 4088 is critical in safeguarding patient privacy, protecting clinicians from mounting criminalization threats, and ensuring that all Oregonians can receive the health care they need without fear or discrimination. The increasing number of threats in the last few years makes the need for this bill urgent. In Oregon, this care remains legal and providers should be able to deliver it without fear of federal intimidation or retaliation.

As a medical student, I am committed to advocating for increased access to healthcare for patients and necessary protections for my colleagues. Unfortunately, stronger protections for clinicians providing evidence-based, gold-standard healthcare has become necessary due to the increasingly adversarial nature of the current political climate towards reproductive and LGBTQ+ rights. Without such protections, Oregon is at risk of losing current and future clinicians, which we cannot afford given current clinician shortages. Completing medical training is already costly (financially and personally); you have the power to stop the additional cost, from fearing both for their own safety and that of their patients', that many clinicians face in the current national political climate.

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.