

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

My name is Dr. Erin Crozier. I live in Philomath, Oregon. I'm writing in strong support for HB 4088. With increasing attacks from the federal administration on reproductive rights and LGBTQ+ health care, patients are concerned for the continuity of their care and health care professionals, myself included, are fearful for their safety. 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. The increasing number of threats in the last few years makes the need for this bill urgent. Oregonians cannot afford to wait. In Oregon, this care remains legal and providers should be able to deliver it without fear of federal intimidation or retaliation.

As a provider, person with a uterus, and member of the LGBTQ+ community, this bill is deeply important to me on multiple fronts. The federal government under the current administration seeks to persecute the transgender community, destroy access to life-saving medical care and legal document changes, and persecute providers like me who believe that transgender individuals are worthy of dignity, healthcare, and respect. My deep conviction that all uterus-having people of reproductive age should have control over our own bodies also fuels my drive in making this comment in support of HB 4088. As federal and out-of-state threats escalate, Oregon has a responsibility to protect its providers' ability to practice medicine and protect personally identifiable patient data and identity records. In our state, we stand with our health care providers who provide us legal, essential, and quality health care.

Health Care is a Human Right: Everyone deserves access to medically-necessary care, free from interference, stigma, or surveillance. HB 4088 protects our ability to make informed decisions about our own bodies, our health, and our futures. - - Control over your own body and private medical decisions are fundamental human rights. No one should be forced to carry a pregnancy against their will or be denied the essential health care that allows people to be who they are. Efforts to ban health care for transgender people are connected to a larger strategy to push transgender people out of public and civic life.

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.

Dr. Erin Crozier