

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

My name is Zoe Berry. I live in Portland, Oregon, and I am writing in strong support for HB 4088. With the federal government's unprecedented and increasing attacks on reproductive rights and LGBTQ+ health care, patients are concerned for the continuity of their care and health care professionals are fearful for their safety. This bill is critical in safeguarding patient privacy, protecting medical providers from mounting federal and out-of-state 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 essential, life-saving care remains legal, and providers should be able to deliver it without fear of federal intimidation or retaliation. Oregon has long been a leader, and a beacon of hope, for those seeking reproductive and LGBTQ+ healthcare. At a time when those freedoms seem to be disappearing across the country, we have a chance to stand for these values - freedom to be who we are, to make informed decisions about our own bodies, and to know that those private decisions are held in confidence.

Your vote can make a difference in so many lives. 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.
Zoe Berry