

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

My name is Nora Leibowitz and I live in Portland, Oregon. I'm writing to strongly support HB 4088. True access to care is being compromised by the federal administration's efforts to eliminate reproductive and LGBTQ+ health care. Many Oregonians are worried about losing access to needed care as threats to providers make them concerned 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 parent I worry that my children will not be able to access needed care if Oregonians are not protected from this federal overstep into our hospitals and clinics.

Thank you for supporting HB 4088. Respectfully, Nora Leibowitz