

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

My name is Alyssa Rose Crenshaw. I live in Portland, 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 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.

I know firsthand how important reproductive and LGBTQ+ health care is because I have worked in the mental health field with children and families for over 15 years. In that time, I've witnessed barriers to accessing this care, such as access issues, financial constraints, coverage/insurance constraints and even fear of being 'out.' I have also had the opportunity to witness how this care can be life-saving for my patients by helping them to lead lives authentically as themselves, feeling comfortable in their own skin, and addressing many mental health symptoms that were directly impacted by their gender identity and sexual orientation.

As a provider, this is also critically important to me because of the work I do because I worry daily about the health and safety of my patients, most particularly, their privacy, and my ability to safely continue this work. HB 4088 protects access to evidence-based health care in Oregon, including the rights of all Oregonians to make personal medical decisions with their physician, without fear or intimidation of government interference. 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.

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. Alyssa Rose Crenshaw, LAT, LPC