

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

My name is Elise Saporta. 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.

Like many Oregonians, I have loved ones and neighbors who rely on reproductive and LGBTQ+ health care—care that allows them to live healthy, stable lives. The idea that someone could be forced to delay treatment, travel out of state, or fear that their private medical decisions could be exposed or politicized is deeply unsettling.

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.

No one should have to weigh their safety or dignity against getting basic health care, and no provider should have to wonder if doing their job will put their family at risk. Please move HB 4088 forward so Oregon remains a place where people can seek medically necessary care with privacy, respect, and peace of mind.