

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

My name is Michelle Beck and I live in Tigard, Oregon.

I am writing in favor of the passage of HB 4088. I am deeply concerned about the current situation with the federal government and how it is dealing with reproductive rights and gender affirming care for those in the LGBTQ+ community. These rights must be protected and should be seen as fundamental. I have seen how the access to gender affirming care can be life changing and necessary for so many. I have a trans child who has become the person they are meant to be because of this care. All that she wants to do is to live her life and be able to be herself. Access to this care is critical. This bill will save lives by providing protection for my daughter and countless others in Oregon who deserve it. One of the many things I love about Oregon is how it values its citizens and allows them freedoms to be exactly who they are. The federal government cannot dictate who my child is and I need Oregon to help safeguard her future now. Thank you.