

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Danni Mar and I live in Salem, Oregon. I am writing today to express my strong support for HB 4088.

Our community needs this bill because healthcare is a fundamental human right, not a political bargaining chip. I have seen first hand how the threat of federal intimidation creates a 'chilling effect,' where patients hesitate to seek life-saving care and providers are forced to weigh their legal safety against their medical ethics. In Oregon, this care remains legal, and it is the state's responsibility to ensure that providers can deliver it without the shadow of federal retaliation. This protection is, quite literally, life-saving. Living under the constant threat of losing access to my healthcare has been exhausting; it is deeply unsettling to see the federal government target people like me. The lack of certainty regarding my privacy and my medical future creates a constant state of anxiety and fear that no Oregonian should have to endure. What is at Stake? HB 4088 protects access to evidence-based healthcare in Oregon, including the rights of all Oregonians to make personal medical decisions with their physician without government interference.

This bill is a critical shield. It safeguards patient privacy, protects medical providers from mounting criminalization threats, and ensures that all Oregonians can receive essential healthcare without fear of surveillance or discrimination.

We must protect our providers' ability to practice medicine and secure the personally identifiable data and identity records of our most vulnerable neighbors. No Oregonian should have their private identity records or medical history weaponized against them. By ensuring that gender marker and name change records are confidential, we align with model safety legislation and provide trans Oregonians the dignity they deserve. Closing Request Control over one's own body and private medical decisions is a fundamental right. I urge you to vote YES on HB 4088 to protect patients, providers, and privacy in our state. Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to the safety of all Oregonians.