

Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Good day. My name is Jon Whatmore, and I live in Portland, Oregon. I write in support of HB 4088 not just because I care for members of the trans community, or for people who were assigned female at birth and may ever wish to exercise their own reproductive freedoms. Of course, I do care about these people and their ability for self-determination. It is not for me or for anyone else to determine who they are, or what they do with their bodies, for them. Indeed, I write in support of HB 4088 because the issue this bill addresses is a concern for every person. If the privacy of any person to discuss with their doctor and/or pursue medical treatment is impinged, then such impingement of privacy and/or the right to medical care could happen to any person. I trust doctors to provide medical care; no one but a medical professional and the patient is qualified to know about, comment about, or be involved in such care before, during, or ever after the administration of such care. A vote against HB 4088 is a vote against the very idea of medical autonomy; I urge you to vote in favor of this bill. Thank you for a chance to share my thoughts on this matter. We as the public rely upon you to vote in our, and indeed your own individual, interests.