

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

My name is Lisa Karakawa. I live in Beaverton, 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. Reproductive and gender-affirming healthcare improves and saves lives. Confidentiality must be protected so that we may govern our own bodies without being pushed to decide between seeking medical care and personal safety. Outside parties who demand this information do not make their decisions based on science and have zero concern for the well-being of anyone other than themselves. 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.