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I write today as somebody who has several loved ones who are now targets of malicious actors in the Federal government due to their gender and sex. As this testimony is public record, I am choosing to keep their names and relationships to me confidential.

The rhetoric of the radical right and the actions of the current Federal administration to control and dehumanize people who do not fit into their narrow conception of society has been a source of severe anxiety to me and my loved ones. We fear that they will not receive life saving care when needed. In some cases, we are afraid to out them to family and neighbors. They are even exploring options to flee outside the jurisdiction of the United States to avoid harm. Oregon absolutely must do everything it can to protect its vulnerable citizens and residents from malicious fascists looking for a convenient scapegoat to justify accruing additional power, and this is one small but crucial step to achieving that responsibility of protection. I urge the Judiciary Committee and the Legislative Assembly to quickly enact this bill into law.