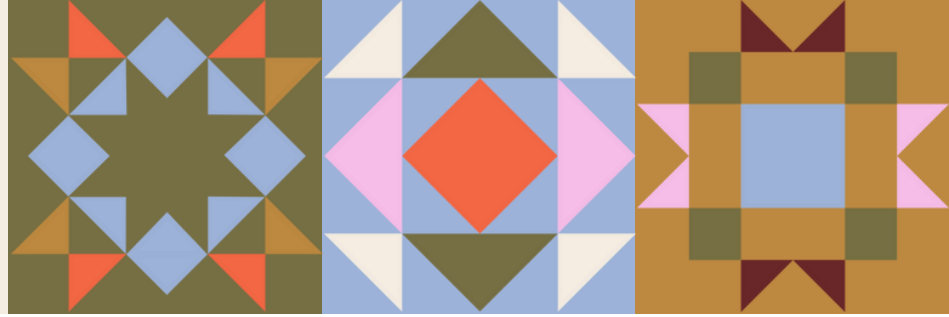




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Dear Chair Representative Kropf, Vice-Chair Chotzen, Vice-Chair Wallan, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Mica Contreras, and I am the Executive Director of the Linn-Benton-Lincoln Health Equity Alliance. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 4088. This bill is a vital measure to protect patient privacy, support health care providers, and ensure that Oregonians can continue to access lawful, evidence-based care without fear of discrimination or retaliation.

As a Regional Health Equity Coalition, we work to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to achieve their best health, regardless of background or circumstance. We have seen firsthand how LGBTQ+ affirming health care saves lives. At the same time, we have witnessed the growing risks faced by providers who deliver legal medical services in an increasingly hostile national climate.

As threats escalate, Oregon has a responsibility to safeguard providers' ability to practice medicine without intimidation and to protect personally identifiable patient data and identity records. HB 4088 is essential to ensuring that both patients and providers remain safe, respected, and protected under Oregon law. For these reasons, I urge you to vote yes on HB 4088. Thank you for your consideration, your leadership, and your continued service to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mica Contreras".

Mica Contreras
Executive Director

