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I fully support the spirit of this measure which would remove risk to those seeking reproductive or gender-affirming care in our state. It has been clear since the U. S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade that women's reproductive health and rights have been put into question with it now being possible to impose severe consequences for seeking reproductive care. It's reduced women to second-class citizens and put reproductive care at risk of being difficult or impossible to obtain.

This current administration has been clear about its intentions to hunt down and punish those who seek gender-affirming care--they will do everything in their power to prevent all such personal choices, including trampling on the Bill of Rights and our constitutional freedoms to impose a strict definition of gender as either biologically male or female. This goes against not only the idea of freedom and choice, but also against nature itself. It is an ignorant and prejudiced practice and deserves to be contested.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to comment in support of HB 4088.