

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

My name is Michelle Hsu. I live in Eugene, 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 will further safeguard patient privacy and protect medical providers from criminalization threats, and ensure 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. The unprecedented risks to data privacy and access to personal data by the federal government and tech companies is eroding our civil liberties.

The 4th amendment is all but defunct for everyone, especially our vulnerable and marginalized communities. I know firsthand how important reproductive and LGBTQ+ health care is, I have many friends and family who consider not seeking care because they are in fear. Access to health care is a basic human right. Any person seeking health services should not become targeted for the personal care they require. The Linn Benton Lincoln Health Equity Alliance believes that every human deserves access to the health care they want, need and deserve. As federal and out-of-state threats escalate, Oregon has a responsibility to protect its providers' ability to practice medicine and protect personally identifiable patient data and identity records. 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. Thank you, Michelle Hsu