

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

My name is Cassandra Tillinghast. 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 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. Our community needs this bill now more than ever as individual liberties and freedoms are under attack. Private, personal decisions regarding reproductive and LGBTQ+ healthcare should stay just that – private and personal and between a medical provider and their patient. Loved ones in my own personal life are increasingly worried about their ability to pursue happiness and live their lives healthily and fully without government intervention or restriction in areas that are deeply personal and connected to their own sense of self and identity. I strongly support this bill as fully aligned with American values – and I hope you will too.