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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4088

Dear Chair Pham and Members of the Behavioral Health Committee,
My name is Cameron, and I am a Professional Counselor Associate working at Crybaby Counseling in Portland, Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 4088.

This bill provides essential protection for health care access, specifically for gender affirming care, and adds necessary protections to providers who provide, or attempts to provide gender-affirming treatment or reproductive healthcare services to a patient who is physically located in the state of Oregon. With an increasing number of laws that are targeting transgender rights, reproductive rights, and access to healthcare services that are legal and life saving, it is prudent that we ensure clear standards of protection for physical health and behavioral health providers in Oregon to continue providing the aforementioned gender-affirming treatment and reproductive healthcare services to communities of our state.

By establishing reasonable protections and clearer standards, HB 4088 will help providers remain protected while offering gender-affirming treatment and reproductive health care services, and focus on what matters most: delivering high-quality health care to Oregonians. This bill supports both providers and the communities we serve.

Thank you for your leadership and for your support of HB 4088. I appreciate your commitment to protecting access to mental health care across our state.