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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4088

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

My name is Beyana Magoon. I live in Portland, Oregon, and I am a graduate student in public policy. I am writing in strong support of 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.

This issue is personal for me. I am going into public policy specifically to serve queer and trans youth, and I care deeply about whether they can access the health care they need without fear, stigma, or surveillance. I also work closely with low-income families and people already navigating unstable systems, and I see every day how fragile access to care can be. When people are scared their records might be shared, or that providers might be targeted, they delay or avoid care altogether. For transgender people especially, losing access to trusted providers or having your identity exposed can be dangerous and life altering. Privacy and safety are what make care possible in the first place.

HB 4088 matters because it protects that foundation. It protects providers who are delivering legal, evidence-based care. It protects patients' personal health information. And it sends a clear message that Oregon will not cooperate with out-of-state or federal efforts to intimidate people out of receiving reproductive or gender-affirming care.

What's at stake is that if people cannot trust that their medical decisions and personal information are protected, they will not seek care. That leads to worse health outcomes, more crisis, and more harm for families and communities. Health care only works when people feel safe using it.

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.

Beyana Magoon