

Dear Chair Prozanski Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jessica Zodrow. I live in Portland, Oregon. I'm writing in strong support for HB 4088 A.

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.

- I know firsthand how important reproductive and LGBTQ+ health care is because of supporting former theater students, friends, family members, community members and now myself as a Perimenopausal woman who is receiving hormone replacement therapy for my body and mental health. Watching people and myself struggle to pay for the care they need and even receive the care they need to stay both safe and sane as our current government continues to strip people of their basic rights to health and their dignity to live healthfully in their bodies.
- As a future mental health provider, this is important to me because as I support my future clients on all their mental care journeys I want each of them to be able to feel safe, seen and cared for by all parts of the mental and physical health fields!

Some reasons why.....

Health care: In our state, we stand with our health care providers who provide us legal, essential, and quality health care.

Privacy: We all have the right to have our private personal health information protected when seeking legally-protected health care.

Health Care is a Human Right: Everyone deserves access to medically necessary care, free from interference, stigma, or surveillance.

Autonomy: HB 4088A protects our ability to make informed decisions about our own bodies, our health, and our futures.

- Control over your own body and private medical decisions are fundamental human rights. No one should be forced to carry a pregnancy against their will or be denied the essential health care that allows people to be who they are.
- Efforts to ban health care for transgender people are connected to a larger strategy to push transgender people out of public and civic life.

Personal Records: Transgender people are being targeted with overwhelming attacks on our/their health care, rights, and basic safety. We need to make sure trans Oregonians can access life-saving health care and update their personal records with dignity and privacy.

- *Gender marker and name change records are public, exposing identifying information without the knowledge of gender diverse Oregonians.*
- *Oregon is not the first state to take steps to ensure the privacy of identity court records. In 2025, California passed model legislation that ensures gender marker and name changes are confidential records upon filing for safety purposes.*

I believe it is YOUR duty, for the safety and equity of all people to vote YES on HB 4088 A to protect patients, providers, and privacy in Oregon.

Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to the people of Oregon.

-Jessica A Zodrow