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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4088

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

My name is Gayle Park and I live in Bend, Oregon. I was at lobby day in Salem and I'm also writing in strong support for HB 4088 A. Needed safeguards to Oregon democracy cannot be overstated.

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.

The federal government has made these issues a priority as stated in Project 2025

I know firsthand how important reproductive and LGBTQ+ health care is because I have friends and family members who have stated their fears. Our community needs this bill because if we are really professing Christian values, protections for our most vulnerable and those that provide services need to be protected. Providers; DOCTORS, NURSES, MIDWIVES and any others targeted individuals will need this shield.

HB 4088A protects access to evidence-based health care in Oregon, including the rights of all Oregonians to make personal medical decisions with their physician, without fear or intimidation of government interference.

Oregon has a responsibility to protect its providers' ability to practice medicine and protect personally identifiable patient data and identity records.

Everyone deserves access to medically necessary care, free from interference, stigma, or surveillance.

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. 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 purpose

I ask you, please, 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.

With Respect,

Gayle Park