

Dear Chair Prozanski Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,  
My name is Juanita Hryciw. I live in Aloha, 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.

As a long-time member of PFLAG Portland, I have heard many unfavorable experiences from many family members of trans people. PFLAG is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them. Our virtual and in-person meetings draw people from across Oregon and sometimes from outside of Oregon. People are coming to Oregon because their loved ones cannot receive doctor-recommended healthcare, simply because their state legislators said so.

As federal and out-of-state threats escalate, Oregon has a responsibility to protect its providers' ability to practice medicine and protect personally identifiable patient data and identity records.

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

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

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.

Please 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.

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