



City of Portland

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Senate Committee on Judiciary
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Portland, we are writing to express our collective support for HB 4088.

Over the past year, Americans have witnessed increased, unprecedented attempts by the federal government to roll back longstanding civil rights protections. In a time when we are seeing direct attacks on the most vulnerable communities, it's important for Oregon to reaffirm and strengthen its commitment to reproductive and gender affirming healthcare, along with other action to defend Oregonians.

HB 4088 strengthens Oregon's shield protections by prohibiting state agencies from voluntarily cooperating with federal or out-of-state investigations into reproductive or gender-affirming care that is legal in Oregon and by barring extraditions of patients or providers. We appreciate that this legislation includes key protections for Oregonians like preventing Oregon Health Authority from disclosing identifiable information about patients seeking reproductive or gender affirming care, expanding licensing protections to include midwives who provide legal care, making concurrently filed name and gender marker changes confidential, and enhancing provider confidentiality protections, ensuring that those delivering lawful care can do so without fear of unjust, outside legal interference.

By codifying these protections, Oregon can ensure patients and providers remain safe from unjust legal action, preserve confidential and sensitive health information, and affirm our state's commitment to equitable access to care. These changes will help support a healthcare system in which every person can access the care they need without fear of legal threat or invasion of privacy.

We urge your support of HB 4088.

Sincerely,



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