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DISTRICT 19: SOUTH SALEM



**OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE, H-479  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for HB 4088

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,

My name is Tom Andersen, and I represent House District 19 in South Salem. I am proud to support HB 4088 as a vital step to ensure that Oregon does not aid other states that seek to restrict access to reproductive health care and gender affirming care.

Everyone deserves access to medically necessary care, free from interference, stigma, or surveillance. This bill helps Oregonians make medical decisions without fear of legal threats from other states or the federal government.

Other states and the federal government have recently passed restrictions on this care, with some even seeking to prohibit their citizens from accessing it in other states. In this national environment, Oregon has stood firm in the belief that everyone should be able to access vital health care services. We must ensure that our state lives up to this value for *all* people who access reproductive health care in our fair state.

Today, Oregon can stand against the national trend of criminalizing health care and instead *protect* it. HB 4088 clarifies that doctors may not have their license to practice suspended or not granted because of a conviction or disciplinary action resulting solely from the provision of a reproductive or gender-affirming health care service that is otherwise lawful in Oregon.

By clarifying that we won't punish health care providers for providing care that is legal in Oregon, we create a clear framework for agencies to follow and ensure that Oregon remains a safe state for providers to practice and for patients to access health care.

I urge an aye vote on HB 4088.

Sincerely,

Tom Andersen  
State Representative  
House District 19