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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4088

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary & others:

Providing gender-affirming and reproductive healthcare is necessary for all of us. I support this bill because it creates a more welcoming, inclusive, and safe Oregon for everyone, even if someone doesn't support the efforts. No one knows when they are or someone they know might need this kind of care to survive, or to live the life they were meant to live. Gender-affirming care encircles individuals with the care they need, want, and deserve. Reproductive healthcare allows us all to live freer lives knowing that if something were to happen, we would have access to the services needed to care for our whole selves. These services are needed for anyone considering accessing gender-affirming or reproductive healthcare to ensure they have their full options available and can make informed decisions. Allowing these services to exist, regardless of what the federal government says, demonstrates a stand for people here and beyond Oregon who need a place to belong and be cared for.

Gender-affirming care and reproductive healthcare is integral to creating and fostering an equitable and inclusive world in which we're all able to access the care we need to live the lives we were meant to have. I support this bill for myself, my friends, and for all of my fellow queer and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members who couldn't access this care and suffered for it.

Thank you.