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Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Raya Steinberg and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am a second-year law student at Lewis & Clark Law School and Co-President of our school's chapter of OutLaw, the LGBTQ+ student organization. I have lived in Oregon since 2017 when I originally moved here to pursue winemaking and did so for a handful of years before switching careers in the hopes of advocating for those who need it most. I am writing in strong support for HB 4088 A.

I am grateful to live in the state of Oregon where we still provide the lifesaving reproductive care and gender affirming care that is under attack in much of this country. I am fortunate to have many amazing trans people in my life, and they deserve to be safe and to live their lives authentically—just like anyone else. Our chapter of OutLaw has helped run Gender Marker and Name Change Clinics. It is hard to describe how fulfilling it is to see someone taking steps to become the person they were always meant to be. I can also say that the level of fear that was present following the election was palpable and I fear for my community every day. Please help protect the privacy of Oregonians who have gone through gender marker and/or name changes.

Additionally, providers should be able to continue providing care without fear of federal intimidation or retaliation. Patients should be able to receive the care they need without fear of the information getting in the hands of people who want to cause them harm. Health care is a human right, and it cannot be emphasized enough that reproductive care and gender affirming care saves lives. If people who claim to care so deeply about unborn fetuses and imaginary trans monsters

spent more time caring about actual living human beings after they are born and with empathy and compassion—the world might be a far better place. I urge you 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.

Sincerely,

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