

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Committee,

My name is Ki Cable. I live in Portland, Oregon. I'm writing in strong support of 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.

Gender-affirming care saved my life. I moved to Portland in 2023 after living in an extremely conservative state. I knew that I was transgender for many years, but I didn't feel safe enough to start my transition and experienced significant medical barriers. After years of fighting suicidal ideation, I knew that I needed to seek out the care that I desperately needed.

When I moved to Oregon, I was provided a safe space to be myself for the very first time. The medical team I worked with ensured that I was supported, both medically and emotionally. Because of their care and support, I'm finally in the body I was always supposed to be in. Our community needs this bill because young people like me come to our state every day seeking safety, solace, and support.

HB 4088 protects access to evidence-based healthcare, backed by the APA and other medical organizations, for Oregonians to make personal medical decisions with their physician without fear of governmental interference or intimidation. I came to Oregon to escape this fear. I wanted to live in a place that would support my decision to make my own medical decisions and recognize that being transgender is not a threat to our society, but rather a valid and fundamental piece of who I am.

As federal and out-of-state threats towards transgender people escalate, Oregon has a responsibility to protect its providers' ability to practice medicine and protect personally identifiable patient data and identity records. Our state should support our medical personnel as they provide the essential health care that allows people to be who they are.

I came to this state looking for a place to live authentically and safely. I fell in love with Oregon because it gave me the freedom to thrive and be loved for exactly who I am. Oregon is the first time I've felt like I'm home. I urge you to continue to ensure that Oregon remains a safe place to receive gender-affirming care, so that those like me can call this place home. 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.

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