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I am a pediatrician in Southern Oregon who cares for many of our community's high risk youth. The availability of privacy protected reproductive and gender affirming medical care is paramount for my patients to thrive. Teens today are facing more stressors than ever, and the ability for them to make medical decisions regarding their bodies in consultation with their health care providers is of utmost importance as they navigate the road to adulthood. I personally know a several transgender adults who are now thriving because they had access to protected gender affirming care as teens. Had they not been able to access this care, or if they weren't assured of their medical privacy, their lives would look very different today, and I am not sure all of them would still be here. Please support this bill. Thank you, Laura Balestreri, MD