

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

My name is Heather Carissa Hannigan.

I'm writing in strong support for HB 4088. 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.

As a electrologist with client work including much GAC (gender affirming care), I can personally attest to the urgent need for the above safeguards in HB 4088. I have been harassed and threatened for providing GAC. Patients are also concerned about their personal safety in terms of potential federal misuse of their medical or personal information. Time is of the essence to please pass HB 4088 swiftly. Thank you for your time in reading and considering this testimony.