

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

As a trans person, and as a provider of medicine to trans people, this bill is vital to protecting our community from federal overreach. The federal government is attempting to ban trans healthcare, not only for minor but also for adults. Everything that we can do to protect people at the state level will be vital in the fight to keep the power of medical decision making in the hands of patients and providers, and out of the hands of politicians and right-wing activists. Over 40% of surveyed trans people have moved to a different state over the last year to avoid harassment and violence. Trans people are already moving here from all of the country to seek safety and care, and I have personally helped settle several people who fled violence and lack of access in states like Texas and Alabama. We must keep Oregon a safe place for people to come to. I urge you to support HB4088A.