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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Marika Straw and I am the Board President of People Like Us, an organization serving our 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Wallowa County. People Like Us is in support of this bill.

Gender-affirming and reproductive care are vital, necessary parts of healthcare. Both forms of healthcare can save lives and vastly improve citizens' quality of life. They are also legal in the state of Oregon.

The federal government should not be able to punish people seeking or providing healthcare that is legal in the state of Oregon, but unfortunately, these attempted attacks are the reality we are facing. Currently, people are afraid to seek the medically necessary care they need. This bill would provide much-needed peace of mind to people seeking or providing gender affirming or reproductive healthcare. This bill would additionally provide much-needed support around privacy for people accessing care of a sensitive nature.

This bill would help support the safety and wellness of many across the state. Please pass HB 4088.