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B 4088A protects the ability to make informed decisions about our own bodies, our health, and our futures and declares this state's policy to protect engagement in certain activities relating to reproductive health care and gender-affirming treatment. I am a woman who during my life has fought for the principle that control over your own body and private medical decisions are fundamental human rights. Currently, transgender people are being targeted with overwhelming attacks on their health care, rights, and basic safety. 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.

The increasing number of threats in the last few years makes the need for this bill urgent B 4088A protects access to evidence-based health care in Oregon, including the rights of all Oregonians to make personal medical decisions with their physician, without fear or intimidation of government interference 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 and can update their personal records with dignity and privacy.