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HB4088

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

My name is Anna "AC" Campbell. I live in Portland, Oregon. I'm writing in strong support for HB 4088 A.

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.

This Bill matters to me personally because this care has been life-saving for my family and friends. A close trans friend of mine who is my family, is not in contact with his family of origin because of their negative views on his identity. He has been able to pursue gender affirming care here in Oregon through the strengths of OHP, including HRT and top surgery (double mastectomy), and had a wonderful experience with the providers at OHSU. These medical needs are standard for both cis people and trans people, and should remain protected in Oregon. Without this access to care, and patient privacy, he would have no way of receiving this care. I want Oregon to continue to be a safe place for me and my queer and trans family and friends to access care without fear of retaliation.

HB 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. In our state, we stand with our health care providers who provide us legal, essential, and quality health care. We all have the right to have our private personal health information protected when seeking legally-protected health care. : Everyone deserves access to medically necessary care, free from interference, stigma, or surveillance.

Transgender people are being targeted with overwhelming attacks on our/their health care, rights, and basic safety. We need to make sure trans Oregonians can access life-saving health care and update their personal records with dignity and privacy.

I urge you to vote YES on HB 4088 A to protect patients, providers, and privacy in Oregon. Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to the people of Oregon.

Best,  
AC Campbell  
Portland, Oregon