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To the Public Safety Subcommittee:

Survivors of sexual and domestic violence need your support.

In the upcoming days and weeks, you'll have an opportunity to help survivors of sexual violence access safety and healing support. I'm asking you to support these two pieces of legislation: SCR 25 sees it resolved that the Oregon legislature intends to create an Oregon that is safe for all survivors of sexual violence. By supporting SCR 25, you're recognizing that sexual violence is a fundamental societal problem, affirming that survivors should be believed and supported, and acknowledging that more needs to be done for survivors of sexual violence. According to Lea, in Gold Beach, requests for emergency response to sexual assault has increased 300% in the past year (not inclusive of calls for help for domestic violence or both). SCR 25 will have a vote in the Senate Chamber on March 14th. Increase the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund by \$10 million. The Department of Justice budget (SB 5515) will be heard in the Ways and Means Public Safety Subcommittee from March 11-14. This budget contains the only general fund support for Oregon's community-based domestic and sexual violence services. Please help to increase access to lifesaving services by increasing the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund (ODSVS) by \$10 million. ODSVS funds emergency shelter, expert safety planning, counseling, and other support services to people courageously fleeing domestic and sexual violence. Access to services reduces the incidence of re-assault by 70%. But current funding meets only 25% of the need. In 2017, 8,325 requests for emergency shelter from domestic and sexual violence couldn't be met because of a lack of funding. That's nearly 1 unmet request every hour. Of every day. Of the entire year.

As a board member of Clackamas Women's Services, I am personally aware of the need for increased funding for these crucial services. Please show your commitment to survivors and the programs across the state that serve them. Double down on the investment in survivor safety and support. I urge the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety to please support the \$10 million increase to ODSVS in the DOJ budget.

Thank you for your commitment to heal Oregon from sexual and domestic violence and help your constituents have safe, healthy relationships. We CAN create an Oregon that is safe for all survivors--but not without your vote.

Very truly yours,

David Nebel

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