

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

Hi, I'm Chad O'Connell, am a resident of Oregon, and supporter of sexual assault survivors. This is an important issue that needs to be rethought from the perspective of sexual assault victims.

- Why is this Bill Important:

> Sexual assault survivors should not have to go back to court every year to renew their restraining orders. If you or someone close to you was sexually assaulted you would not want them to have to relive that moment every year just to protect themselves from their abusers. And if you live paycheck to paycheck taking time off work can be impossible. It's an unnecessary burden on the victims. This restraining order needs to be extended.

> Protecting vulnerable people, children, survivors of repeat sexual assault offenders, survivors of sexual assault by family is important and their protection deserves to be permanent.

- What does it remedy:

> It unburdens sexual assault survivors from the responsibility of renewing the order every year to protect themselves.

> It protects the most vulnerable in the community, especially those who have jobs that do not allow them to take days off to go to court to

- My position on this Bill is that I support it and I would like it to get passed.

- I support SB 482 along with it's "-1" amendment.

Thank you Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, Members of the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

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