

Chair Prozanski & Vice Chair Thatcher,

I'm a resident of Oregon and supporter of sexual assault survivors. I support passing SB 482.

Renewing restraining orders annually is traumatic and puts an undue burden on survivors. It is particularly difficult for most survivors to feel safe after an assault, and annually facing renewal for a sexual assault restraining order is re-traumatizing and can undue a lot of hard psychological work, making recovery even slower and more painful. As a former volunteer at rape crisis centers, an adult survivor of childhood sexual abuse and the step-sister of a sexual assault survivor, I know intimately how cruel and damaging it can be to live without the kind of protection and recourse restraining orders provide - in fact, I moved to Oregon fifteen years ago in large part to relieve myself of the possibility of contact with my abuser.

Part of the reason I chose Oregon as my home is that we have a stronger than normal record of supporting vulnerable populations. I urge you to continue this emphasis by passing SB 482.

Thank you for your time.

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