

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

I am a resident of Oregon and a supporter of sexual assault survivors. I have a friend who was sexually assaulted a couple of years ago and so was able to learn from her experiences that in the state of Oregon a victim needs to renew their restraining order on an annual basis in order to keep their aggressor legally away from them. Luckily my friend is extremely strong and was able to fight this and protect herself, but there are others, especially minors, who have neither the means nor the emotional energy to re-hash their trauma every year for the rest of their life in order to ensure the state help protect them. I am asking you to help by making this system in Oregon safer for those who need protecting and be an advocate for the vulnerable.

- Why is this Bill Important: A survivor should only have to plead their case once to get the protection of the state, to ask them to do this annually is negligent. In Oregon, we don't even have to relicense our car on an annual basis, why should someone have to re-license their safety?

> Having sexual assault survivors go back to court to renew their restraining orders annually is traumatic. 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 prevents the responsibility of keeping themselves safe from falling on the sexual assault survivors.

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

- 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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