

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

I am a resident of Oregon and supporter of sexual assault survivors. I personally know and have seen the struggles that Elina Lim has faced under the current SAPO regulations. Aside from that, I am a woman and therefore statistically more likely to be affected by this Bill.

As the current Bill stand, responsibility is unfortunately placed on the survivor in ensuring their own safety each and every year for the rest of their lives. This means they must relive their trauma and face their assaulter to find legal protection.

The proposed updates to SAPO in Oregon are incredibly important to me because they dignify and protect sexual assault survivors. Women that I know and work with. And give them the freedom of finding safety and self again. Further, the update understands how painful sexual assault is, and recognizes that 180 days, for some, is not enough time to process and deal with trauma, and therefore doesn't put a limit on how long it may take someone to heal enough to take action and report and face trial over an assault.

Please help in ensuring that the most vulnerable in our community are supported and safe during what could be the toughest point in their lives. Please help in granting them the stability of not having to take days off work to go to court to fight for this safety. Please help in providing them dignity, where dignity was once robbed from them.

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. And I hope that you strongly consider backing this Bill as well.

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

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