

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

I am a resident of Oregon and supporter of sexual assault survivors - I am one myself and I care about this topic dearly.

Why this Bill is Important :

Requiring the victims of assault to go back to court to renew restraining orders annually is traumatic and punishes the victim. The 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 victims safe from falling solely the sexual assault survivors and prevents the emotional trauma associated with reliving the assault.

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.

My position on this Bill is that I support it and I would like it to be 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 and Senator Burdick.

Very truly yours,

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