

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 work in advertising and care about this topic dearly. My name is Maren Elliott and I'm the Chief Talent Officer for Swift and native Portlander.

The passage of this bill is crucial because the annual expiration date of the restraining order needs to be extended. Requiring sexual assault survivors to go back to court and renew their restraining orders annually is traumatic and limited to survivors who can afford to take time away from their work and/or family obligations. Protecting vulnerable people, children, survivors of repeated sexual assault offenders is important and their protection deserves to be permanent.

This bill protects the most vulnerable survivors in our community by removing their constant (annual) responsibility of fighting for protection, especially those who don't have jobs that allow them to take the time off for court appearances.

My position on this Bill is that I support it and 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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