

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

I am writing to you in support of SB482 as a resident of Oregon and a sexual assault survivor. I am also reaching out in support of countless friends who are survivors, too.

This issue matters to me not only because I want all survivors to receive ongoing legal protection from their assaulter; it matters because I want to see us free to move forward with our lives and *thrive* with the greater peace of mind that this legislation would provide.

**- Why is this bill Important:**

- > Requiring sexual assault survivors to 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 it will remedy:**

- > It lifts the burden from sexual assault survivors to continually fight to protect themselves from the same assaulter.
- > 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 get passed. I support [SB 482](#) along with it's "-1" amendment.**

Thank you for your time and consideration Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Sincerely,

Emily Jensen