

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 care about this topic dearly. I have personally been a victim of sexual assault and support this bill 100%. It would be super beneficial to all survivors and make finding mental/emotional peace and physical safety/security so much easier.

Why is this bill important:

> Having sexual assault survivors go back to court to renew their restraining orders annually is traumatic. There's no reason for people to need to relive their trauma on an annual basis. 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 fall on the sexual assault survivors.

> 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. Many people would like to pursue more permanent measures to keep themselves safe, and it shouldn't be as difficult as it is to obtain personal security.

- 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.

Link to Bill: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/.../2019.../Measures/Overview/SB482>

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

Sincerely,

-Wispra Smith