

Dear 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. It is imperative that SB482 is passed to reduce the continued harm survivors of sexual assault face.

- Why is this Bill Important :

> Having sexual assault survivors 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, and 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 from repeatedly falling 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.

> Legal proceedings may be lengthy and result in additional expenses (legal fees, transportation, loss of income-earning opportunities, etc.). Survivors of sexual assault should not have to shoulder additional burdens and have worry of more financial strain in addition to existing stressors from the sexual assault. This also disproportionately affects sexual assault survivors who are part of marginalized populations.

- My position on this Bill is that I strongly support it and I would like it to get passed.

- I support SB 482 along with it's "-2" amendment.

Link to Bill: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/SB482>

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Best,
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