

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. This Bill is important to me because I lived through the trauma caused by having to back to court to defend my restraining order/order of protection in 2012. Due to the 1 year length of these orders, anyone renewing their protective orders have experienced the same annual sustained trauma. The length of 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 they deserve permanent protection. Passage of this bill would do that - it would prevent putting responsibility of personal safety onto survivors. Victims of abuse and sexual assault should not be expected to repeatedly ask for their personal safety in this way, because personal safety is a human right.

I support this bill 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/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/SB482>

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

Sincerely,
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