

# Oregon Student Association



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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: Odalis Aguilar Aguilar  
RE: HB 2625

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and Members of the Committee,

My name is Odalis Aguilar Aguilar and I am an undergraduate student at the University of Oregon studying Ethnic Studies and Spanish. I come forward to you to urge you to support HB 2625. I am currently taking a Native American studies course at the university and have begun to really learn about the Native peoples land we are currently on. During grade school their history was either excluded or quickly brushed over and believe there should be more light shed on these issues. Although I can not express the same sentiments as someone who is Native to this land, I strongly express my solidarity to those who have lost their loved ones over the years due to sexual assault or even murder.

I ask that you put yourself in the shoes of the families of those who to this day have no closure because they have yet to find their loved ones. I ask that you have conscious when you listen to their stories because Native and or Indigenous people are not just part of old history. They are living and their lives matter as much as any of ours. This community has been wounded in many different ways and one way of reparation simply beings with your support for this bill.

I cannot begin to fully express how important this bill is. I hope that you not only take this testimony into consideration when voting but especially those that come from Native peoples.

In solidarity,

Odalis Aguilar Aguilar  
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