

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation Support SB274 March 30, 2021

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

On behalf of The Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force¹, I urge your support of SB274, a bill that will increase protections for minor victims of sex trafficking.

The mission of SATF is to advance a multi-disciplinary, survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence in Oregon. Our goal is to prevent sexual violence from happening in the first place, while simultaneously improving our response efforts to mitigate trauma and ensure the safety and security of all survivors.

SATF appreciates the efforts of the CSEC work group and proponents of SB274 as they seek to raise the bar in how Oregon communities respond to minors experiencing sex trafficking. SATF recognizes that additional support for advocacy programs, including investments in infrastructure, are necessary for successful implementation of SB274. Survivors of sex trafficking deserve this investment, including a prioritization of services for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color who are predominantly impacted by sexual violence and abuse.

SB274 proposes a shift in our focus on how to respond to sex trafficking, and provides an opportunity to repair harm experienced within our justice systems as survivors seek safety, dignity, autonomy, and joy in the aftermath of trauma. For these reasons, we urge your support of SB274.

Sincerely,

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¹ The Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force is a private, non-profit, non-governmental statewide agency with over 100 multi-disciplinary members appointed by Attorney General Rosenblum. Members serve as advisors on 1 of 8 subcommittees including: Campus, Criminal Justice, Legislative & Public Policy, Medical-Forensic, Men's Engagement, Offender Management, Prevention Education, and Victim Response.