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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation
State Capitol, 900 Court St.
NE Salem Oregon 97301

Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill 3047.

My name is Grace Helland, and I live in Lebanon, Oregon. I work part time for a non-profit organization as a paralegal, and I am also certified as a Personal Support Worker for my 6-year-old cousin, who has Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

Doxxing is an easy way for people and organizations to work outside of the judicial system to punish and try to shut down people who believe contrary to how they do. It is done with no regard to the rights, age, or safety of other people.

I have worked with a non-profit called the Freedom Foundation for a while now, due to being passionate about Constitutional rights. My father worked in a union represented position for a long time, and as a Personal Support Worker, I am required to be represented by SEIU 503. Because of this and other experiences I've had (I have also worked in a high-school cafeteria), I know many other Home Care Workers and people in public jobs. So, naturally, I have a particular interest in public sector workers' Constitutional rights relating to their unions and their right to join or not join a union. I love informing people of their right to choose for themselves, and giving them the resources and the courage to take hold of their rights and defend them when it comes down to it.

Because of my work at the Freedom Foundation to inform people of their rights, I was doxxed on a website called "freedomfoundationcanvassers.com" which was a project of another website supported by several unions and run by a blogger named Peter Starzynski.¹ He posted home address and birthdate, in addition to posting pictures, home addresses, and birthdates of fellow caregivers who were working with me.² I was still a teenager when this happened.

Thankfully, this website was recently taken down (COVID-19 was cited as the reason), but doxxing reduces real, unique, passionate people who truly want to make the world a better place to whatever stereotypical ideology the doxxing party decides to label them as, in malicious attempts to harass and drown out their voice. Sometimes it's even an organized effort, as in my case. That is why I'm glad to support HB 3047 and urge the committee to vote yes.

Thank you,

Grace Helland

¹ <https://www.freedomfoundation.com/labor/national-seiu-behind-anti-freedom-foundation-group/>

² <https://web.archive.org/web/20200813145158/https://freedomfoundationscanvassers.com/>