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To: Senate Rules Committee
From: Oregon Law Center
Date: May 27th, 2021
Re: Support for SB 48A with Dash 5 Amendments

Chair Wagner, Vice-Chair Girod, and members of the committee:

On behalf of Clackamas Women's Services (CWS), I submit this testimony in support of the Dash 5 amendments to SB 48A. **These amendments ensure that victim input, notification, and safety considerations are incorporated into this important public safety reform measure.** Passage of this bill with the Dash 5 amendments will be one important step forward in the larger effort of accomplishing the statutory and constitutional reform necessary to ensure equitable outcomes for victims as well as defendants in our public safety system.

As a member of the Criminal Justice Commission Public Safety Task Force (CJC-PSTF) I had the privilege of working on this effort over the past three years. I am proud of the work done by the PSTF in preparing the *Oregon Public Safety Task Force Report Per House Bill 2238 (2017)* submitted by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, and the recommendations set forth in the report. I want to thank the proponents of SB 48, and the stakeholders that have been convening in subsequent workgroups, for their efforts. In particular, I want to highlight the effort to align SB 48A-5 with the *Report's* recommendations titled "Victim's Rights and Domestic Violence Safety Recommendations," and thank the stakeholders that have worked diligently to ensure that victim input, notification, and safety considerations are incorporated into this important public safety reform measure during this process.

The bill also supports statewide consistency around release decisions in counties across the state, through guidance from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with input from a criminal justice advisory committee. This is a critical component of SB 48A-5 that we fully support.

There is much work ahead of us as we seek to operationalize an equitable pretrial system and a balanced approach to bail reform. We are committed to supporting these efforts and ensuring that we establish standards for victim notification, input, and safety considerations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Erlbaum".

Melissa Erlbaum
Executive Director