



February 21, 2022

Oregon House of Representatives
Salem, Oregon 97301
House Committee On Education

Re: Support of SB 1572-A

Dear Chair Alonso Leon, Vice-Chairs Neron, and Webber, and Members George, Hudson, Owens, Reardon, Ruiz, Smith Warner, Wright:

Oregon National Organization for Women (Oregon NOW) is the largest grassroots feminist organization in the United States. For more than 50 years it has fought for its core issues of Reproductive Rights and Justice, Economic Justice, Ending Violence Against Women, Racial Justice, LGBTQIA+ Rights, and Constitutional Equality. SB1572-A is at the core of Ending Violence Against Women.

The Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct at University of Oregon in 2015 results concluded that 14.5% of student respondents experienced nonconsensual sexual contact by physical force, threats of force or incapacitation after they enrolled. The data on undergraduate women indicated that a whopping 24.2% of students reported nonconsensual sexual contact, and 10.6% responded they had experience nonconsensual penetration.

Let's not send our children to college and leave them vulnerable to physical and sexual violence. This bill would help set the standard that higher learning institutions seek in order to protect their students. Please pass this bill.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

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