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Hello House Judiciary

I conditionally support this legislation.

I like the word "May"... as opposed to "shall".

Many retired people as myself have seen the systems of public services fail those who suffer domestic violence and child abuse.

40+ yrs ago I was a volunteer working with foster kids of various broken homes... with utter shock I was asked by 2 kids to get them out of a abusive house hold. the Boy had bruises. I went to foster Parents i knew and asked what could be done. (as they have died I will state facts) simply they devised a plan unknown to me to abduct the

2 siblings (girl was 14yrs and the boy near 16 yrs). 2 days later I learned what had been done and was asked if I wanted to go to CSD with them and one of the foster parents involved. So I did and the foster parent didn't go into the building with the kids "I did". CSD sent us to the DA... DA sent us to Skip Worth. Me and 2 of the foster kids sat in the lobby while the 2 were taken back for questioning... at Skip Worth the guy in charge said if the kids left with me I would be charged with kidnapping most likely...and their abusive parents were coming to get them. On the way home I stopped and talked to my Reserve Sheriff Deputy... who was also very suspicious of abuse in the home.

To think a few years later teachers were taking kids out of homes over alleged abuse in Oregon.

THE SYSTEM FAILED IN THE ABOVE CASE. (this was my 1st lesson of failed government).

Stockholm syndrome... or what ever, the victims of abusers can not trust in the system to protect them. Restraining Orders don't work and sadly SAFE CENTERS...are only as good as the people in them.

IMO victims are victims for several reasons... a safe place to start a new life makes sense so I support the Legislation.

My guess is HB 2933 was created to help fund this.