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RE: Support for HB 3114

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

As the District Attorney of Marion County, I am lending my voice in support of **HB 3114**. Throughout my over two decades as a prosecutor, I have heard countless firsthand stories of survivors and the fear and helplessness they often feel when fleeing abusive situations. I understand the overwhelming need to protect the confidentiality of victims and their children. **HB 3114** is very narrowly tailored to do just that by protecting this victim information when safe hotel/motel lodging is secured for them.

We have a dedicated team of Deputy District Attorneys specializing in the prosecution of intimate partner and family violence. Together with our victim advocates, these Deputy District Attorneys work with victims at some of the most dangerous times in their lives. Research makes it clear that victims are at the greatest risk of serious harm and even death when they are attempting to leave an abusive partner. Fortunately, we can rely on crucial community programs like those at our local Center for Hope & Safety (and numerous others like them around our State) to assist survivors by securing safe housing in temporary lodging facilities. It is critical that these programs have the reliable ability to protect the identity of these survivors by keeping their information confidential from the lodging businesses and thus from anyone in the public who may be looking to harm them.

In Marion County we are privileged to have a strong partnership between our District Attorney Victim Assistance Program and the Center for Hope & Safety. Our programs collaborate on a daily basis to overcome obstacles faced by survivors fleeing abuse and trauma. Together we support them as they seek safety and stability. **HB 3114** crafts an important tool for victims in overcoming one of their most dangerous obstacles by protecting their identity and their safe location.

I encourage your **support for HB 3114** to save lives in our community and throughout Oregon.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paige', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paige Clarkson
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