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Hello Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice-Chair Kropf, members of the committee,

For the Record I am Representative Bobby Levy from House District 58, and I am testifying in support of House Bill 3073.

The phenomenon of doxing is not new, but it is and increasingly common method of harassing elected officials. Orestar currently posts the residency of elected officials and candidates in Oregon, making it easy for individuals to threaten and commit acts of violence against Oregonians. Private information is also made available when individuals submit requests for voter information to County Clerks and the Secretary of State.

As elected officials, we face constant political stress from the opposition as well as our own parties, which we should expected. Politics needs to end at the ballot box or on the dais, which it does for most of us. However, individuals and their families holding public office often face attacks on their person or their homes. The fear of murder, violent or sexual assault against spouses and children is enough to keep many people out of public service.

While elected officials become public figures, information about their public work is all that should become public. My political office in the Oregon State Capitol is protected by armed state police officers. My private residence is not. The agricultural workers employed on my farms already have to worry about attacks by predators, and they should not have to fear violent political reprisals if I vote against a bill that someone supports.

I urge the Committee to support the protection of elected officials and their families. We have done this for our elections workers, and it is time to expand the pool of public servants who are protected from threats of violence at their homes.

Best,
Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58

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