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West Linn

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Sent Via Email

Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

On behalf of the West Linn City Council, I am writing to express the City of West Linn's **strong support for SB 974.** This much-needed legislation will strengthen Oregon law to make it a criminal act to sexually assault through fraudulent representation.

The measure would send a strong message that the Legislature and all of Oregon cares about victims, and it will facilitate prosecution against those who abuse their position of trust for sexual gratification. By strengthening our laws and building a wraparound network of care we can curb the abuse that has victimized community members here in West Linn and across the state.

We thank you for your time on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Rory Bialostosky, Interim Mayor

City of West Linn

cc: Senator Mark Meek

Senator Kathleen Taylor

Senator Rob Wagner

Representative Jules Walters