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Testimony in Support of HB 2933 and SB 5514
Joint Ways and Means Committee
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I am a former board member and longtime supporter of Clackamas Womens Services (CWS), a private non-profit that provides comprehensive services to women and children survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in Clackamas County. I am writing in support of an additional appropriation of \$10 million for the Oregon Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Services Fund (ODSVS) in HB 2933 and SB 5514.

Community based programs like CWS obtain funding from many different sources, most of which limit the use of the funds to certain priorities. ODSVS funds are not restricted to specific uses. Programs can use these funds to address high priority needs for services that are not otherwise funded in the agencies' budgets. Such services might include, for example, travel expenses in rural areas, shelter expenses, crisis line services, and volunteer training and support.

ODSVS has been historically underfunded, and programs in every corner of our state need adequate support to carry on this important work. I encourage your committee to support an additional appropriation of \$10 million or more for ODSVS.

Respectfully submitted.

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