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To the members of the House Committee on Judiciary-

Today is April 17, 2023. I am writing my testimony in support of confidentiality protections for restorative justice processes. I was recently a victim of sexual assault and advocating for myself with no confidentiality in place has been a challenging process. It has been heartbreaking that I cannot share my story with the people who have been the biggest support system to me without them becoming witnesses in a legal case. If confidentiality is respected for restorative justice practices, I would be able to speak openly with RJ practitioners that can support healing and accountability. I would also be able to pursue a restorative dialogue with the person who assaulted me and make requests for what could help my recovery. I sincerely hope that the legislature will extend confidentiality to RJ processes in Oregon so that victims and survivors can fully benefit from what restorative Justice can offer.