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RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 939

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Allison Kaufman, I am the Chief Financial Officer of BB360. We are members of the Oregon Coalition for Nonprofit Safety, and we are offering this testimony in support of SB 939.

SB 939 helps Oregon nonprofits that are at greater risk of violence, threats, and intimidation because of who we are, who we represent, or who we serve. Over the last decade, there have been increasing threats, violence, and intimidation directed at nonprofits like ours across the country. BB360 has experienced online and in-person verbal harassment, trespassing, theft, and physical intimidation. Our primary site is located in rural Oregon which limits the response by law enforcement partners.

Often these terrible actions take the form of words, shouts, graffiti, or trolling emails sent to us or our staff. But we live with the constant and daily realization that at any moment they could erupt in real violence. Our staff live with that risk, and so do our campers and families. These events have a real impact. They disrupt our ability to meet our mission. They make our community afraid to gather. They chip away at our basic and fundamental rights. It shouldn't be like this.

Addressing and assessing our security needs is an ongoing process. Because of our increased risk, we make additional investments and use resources, taking away vital support for our organization's primary mission. BB360 spends nearly 1/8 of our annual operating budget on security personnel alone.

As community-led nonprofits, we are often on the frontline in serving our community. We provide an incredibly important service – we offer Overnight Camp and Day Camp for kids, youth groups for teens (BBYO), family camps, events, and fully immersive adult camps like Rejuvenation, Men's Camp, and Last Day of Camp. We also reach families through PJ Library, a Jewish children's book distribution. We host the Etz Chaim Society, and, offer the stunning BB Camp facility as a rental program for outside organizations. Simply put, BB360 is here for *all* generations to find connection and meaning through camp, community events, and year-round enrichment experiences. What we do is important to the broader community's well-being. We are here today in partnership with organizations with widely different missions, cultures, and beliefs, because regardless of who we serve, what we believe, how we worship or represent our culture – we are committed to the principle that EVERYONE in Oregon should be entitled to exercise their rights free from violence and intimidation and deserve to do so SAFELY.

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Current resources are insufficient to meet the needs of Oregon’s nonprofit community. The risk is real, and we need your help addressing it. That is why we are asking you to join other states that have created a state-funded nonprofit security grant program and support SB 939.

Thank you for your attention to this legislation and I would be happy to answer any questions.

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