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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB821

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing as an Oregon mother to strongly oppose the bill that removes the deadline for the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision to assess sex offender registrants into a risk level. My top priority is my children's safety, and this bill compromises that by delaying critical risk assessments.

1. Delayed Assessments Put Kids at Risk

Risk assessments help law enforcement and families understand who may pose a danger. Without timely evaluations, offenders could go unmonitored, making it harder for parents to protect their children. My kids should be able to play outside and be part of the community without unnecessary risks.

2. Parents Deserve to Know

Whether sending my children to school, sports, or a friend's house, I need accurate information to make safe choices. Without timely assessments, families are left in the dark about potential threats.

3. Rehabilitation Matters, But Safety Comes First

I support second chances, but some offenders remain dangerous. Risk assessments ensure proper supervision. Delaying them creates uncertainty and puts children at risk.

4. Accountability Is Essential

The State Board must be held responsible for timely assessments. Removing deadlines weakens oversight and transparency, leaving families unsure whether the system is working to protect them.

5. We Need a Reliable System

Parents shouldn't have to guess if their children are safe. A predictable process ensures offenders are classified and monitored appropriately. Removing deadlines creates unnecessary risk.

I urge you to oppose this bill and keep the deadline in place. As a mother, I ask you to prioritize the safety of Oregon's children.

Sincerely,

Erin Reed