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Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing to you today to strongly oppose Senate Bill 820, which proposes changes to the classification and reporting requirements for sex offenders in Oregon. This bill raises serious concerns about the motives behind its introduction, particularly given that it was requested by Governor Tina Kotek.

The bill seems to weaken the fundamental principles of accountability and public safety by allowing certain sex offenders to be reclassified and potentially relieved of their reporting requirements. These changes will put vulnerable Oregonians at greater risk, especially when the evidence shows that sex offenders, by the nature of their crimes, pose a serious threat to the safety and well-being of our communities. It is troubling that Governor Kotek is championing a bill that could reduce oversight of these dangerous individuals, raising questions about her commitment to the safety of Oregonians.

At the core of our justice system is the responsibility to protect society and hold individuals accountable for their actions. By pushing for this bill, the governor seems to be prioritizing the interests of convicted criminals over the rights of victims and the safety of families across Oregon. The safety and protection of our children and families must always come first, and I question why the governor would support a measure that may undermine those priorities.

I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and instead focus on policies that strengthen public safety, promote justice, and protect Oregon families from further harm. The people of Oregon deserve leadership that puts their safety above all else.

Respectfully,

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