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STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 10**



**OREGON STATE SENATE**

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

House Committee on Judiciary  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re:** Support for HB 3582

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Deb Patterson, and I am the State Senator for District 10, which includes South Salem, West Salem, Monmouth, and Independence. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 3582, which eliminates the statute of limitations for civil claims related to sexual assault and child abuse. **This legislation is essential to ensuring that survivors have the time and opportunity to seek justice.**

Sexual violence has lifelong consequences for survivors, affecting their mental, physical, and emotional well-being. Many do not come forward immediately due to trauma, fear, or institutional barriers. By removing arbitrary time limits, HB 3582 acknowledges the realities of abuse and affirms that justice should not have an expiration date.

Passing this bill is a critical step toward accountability and healing. I urge you to support HB 3582.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Patterson".

Deb Patterson