

Submitter: Grace Petrina
On Behalf Of: Survivor Services POP 327 and HB 3196
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Public Safety
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5014

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Co-Chairs Broadman and Evans, and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee On Public Safety,

I understand the volume of competing budget items this session and wanted to emphasize the importance of prioritizing funding for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. High-profile family violence cases have been prevalent in the Wilsonville community this past year, with one double homicide taking place two blocks from my residence.

Additionally, I work as a domestic violence advocate in Clackamas County and bear intimate witness to the necessity of responsive services in reducing fatalities and building safer communities. The services we offer (24/7 crisis line, emergency shelter, counseling services, housing funds, Latine-specific services, etc.) may appear abstract but offer an important landing pad to ensure folks in crisis are received in a trauma-informed capacity.

Two items before the legislature that enable us to do this work are the Department of Justice Budget POP #327 (in the amount of \$22M) and HB 3196 (to backfill \$18.5M of VOCA funding).

Please vote in favor of POP# 327 and HB 3196. Thank you so much for your advocacy for survivors during such an unpredictable time.

Sincerely,

Grace Petrina
Resident of Wilsonville