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OREGON STATE SENATE

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TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: Support for House Bill 2299

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the committee,

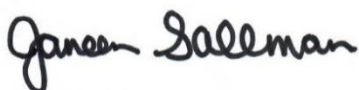
I am writing to express my support for House Bill 2299, legislation that would expand the definition of "image" in the crime of unlawful dissemination of an intimate image (a Class A misdemeanor) to include "a digitally created, manipulated or altered depiction that is reasonably realistic."

I extend my sincere gratitude to Representative Mannix for introducing this important legislation and for permitting me to advocate for this cause alongside him. I learned about this bill after submitting a similar concept to Legislative Counsel, at the request of a constituent in my district. This constituent expressed significant concerns regarding technology such as FakeApp, which enables users to replace an individual's face in a video with that of another person. As my constituent aptly noted, "some of the end results are funny, some are obvious fakes, but others are neither funny nor obviously fake." This observation underscores the urgency of this legislation—to safeguard individuals from having their likeness exploited for unlawful purposes.

It is worth noting that at least ten other states have already enacted legislation addressing deepfakes, including measures that prohibit or regulate sexual deepfakes, criminalize nonconsensual deepfake pornography, and establish the right for victims to pursue legal action against those who misappropriate their likenesses.

As AI technology advances at an unprecedented pace, we must take all necessary steps to protect individuals from the unlawful dissemination of their likeness. This bill is a step in that direction. I respectfully urge your support for House Bill 2299.

Sincerely,



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