



# Oregon Alliance to End Gender-Based Violence

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## Support for HB 4045 – Expedited Warrants

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 4045 on behalf of the Oregon Alliance to End Gender Based Violence. Founded in 1999, the Alliance is a statewide grassroots network of survivors, advocates, and programs serving survivors across the state. The Alliance is dedicated to promoting legislation in Oregon that will protect and empower survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Thank you to Representative Mannix for bringing this bill forward and to the family of Kristil Krug for their brave leadership on this issue.

From 2013 to 2024, at least 386 Oregonians died from domestic violence-related homicide. Stalking and domestic violence are among the most dangerous crimes survivors face, particularly when technology is involved. Eighty percent of stalking victims report being stalked through technology, and stalking increases the risk of intimate partner homicide by three times.<sup>i</sup> <sup>ii</sup> In the vast majority of femicide cases, stalking occurred in the year prior to the killing.<sup>iii</sup> Time is not a neutral factor in these cases – it is often the difference between life and death.

Kristil Krug's murder tragically exposed a deadly gap in our nation's systems for responding to warrants for communications records. Kristil was stalked for months before being killed by her husband in December 2023. He used digital tools to terrorize her and to frame an innocent man. Law enforcement issued search warrants to multiple communications companies weeks before her death, yet the responses did not arrive until long after she was killed – one taking nearly two months.

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On the day of her murder, officers submitted exigent circumstance requests for the same information and received it within hours, and in some cases under an hour. That data immediately identified her husband as the perpetrator and cleared an innocent person. The problem was not access—it was delay.

Kristil did everything she was supposed to do. She documented the stalking and sought help. Law enforcement acted appropriately. The system functioned as designed, and she still lost her life.

HB 4057 addresses this failure by requiring communications companies to respond to search warrants within 48 hours when cases involve stalking or domestic violence. These crimes are prioritized because they so often escalate to serious injury or death. Timely responses can prevent further harm.

From a victim advocate's perspective, Kristil's Law is about accountability, safety, and prevention. Passage of HB 4057 will send a clear message: domestic violence and stalking are serious crimes, and the lives of victims matter. We can set the standard for other states by passing this important measure to improve our systems, to prevent future crimes.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge prompt passage of HB 4045.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to preventing domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Oregon.

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<sup>i</sup> [https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/SPARC\\_Stalking-Technology-Infographic.pdf](https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/SPARC_Stalking-Technology-Infographic.pdf)

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Stalking-IPV-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

<sup>iii</sup> Ibid