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On Behalf Of:

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Honorable Members of the Oregon State Legislature:

My name is Carrie Smizik. I am a former stalking victim of Daniel Krug, the same person who brutally murdered Kristil Krug after months of threatening emails and texts used to intimidate and terrorize her and her children.

Similarly, in 2000-2001 I was stalked, threatened, and tormented for nearly a year, receiving threatening emails, phone calls, and AOL instant messages, until police officers were finally able to trace the messages to Krug's college IP address and campus.

In my case, officers experienced months-long delays in identifying the perpetrator due to the then-new and limited ability to investigate cybercrime and trace electronic emails. Delays like these matter, regardless of the reason. Had a law like Kristil's Law been in place, I have no doubt that my case would have been solved within days - preventing me and other women like Kristil from enduring the same suffering, paranoia, and lifelong anxiety that stalking so often inflicts on victims. And most certainly for Kristil, this law would have prevented the needless death of a beloved daughter, sister, mother, and community member.

In April 2025, I testified against Krug to secure his rightful, life-long place behind bars. Today, I write to you to ensure that no other victim is forced to endure what Kristil endured, and that law enforcement is equipped with the timely tools and authority needed to intervene when threats first appear - before stalking escalates to irreversible violence. I urge you to support and pass Kristil's Law so that early, credible threats made through electronic communication can be identified, investigated, and stopped—before another life is lost.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Carrie Smizik