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Testimony in Support of SB 525A  
May 12, 2015, Hearing Room C, 3 pm  
Senate Committee on Rules

Chair Rosenbaum; Vice-Chair Ferrioli; and Senators Beyer, Boquist, and Burdick:

The Oregon Commission for Women, in its role of advocate for the women of Oregon, strongly supports SB 525A.

The Oregon Commission for Women has a longstanding interest in assuring safety of families in Oregon and especially women with children. SB 525A goes far in providing local implementation by law enforcement in keeping families challenged by partner abuse safe from deadly violence. This bill provides tools to local law enforcement using their good judgement and intervening with families in immediate danger. We urge you to support this bill and give Oregon families and local police forces the safety and tools they need.

Oregon Commission for Women urges an Aye vote on SB 525A as an important benefit for strong families and domestic violence survivors statewide.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Vardavas, Chair, Oregon Commission for Women

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