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**Testimony in Support of HB 2317
Submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee
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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Kruse, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

The *Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV)* and the *Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (AGSATF)* write this letter in support of HB 2317, which would increase the statute of limitations to victims of certain sex crimes.

The mission of OCADSV is to promote equity and social change in order to end violence for all communities. We seek to transform society by engaging diverse voices, supporting the self-determination of survivors and providing leadership for advocacy efforts.

The mission of the AGSATF is to facilitate and support a victim-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence through multi-disciplinary collaboration.

OCADSV and AGSATF believe that passage of HB 2317 offers one of many needed tools and resources necessary for survivors of sexual violence. The bill aligns with each of our respective missions to support self-determination and a victim-centered response to sexual assault: Survivors should have varied resources at their disposal following the trauma of a sexual assault – having time to determine the best course of action should be one of those resources that will aid survivors in their path toward healing.

Thank you for the opportunity to write this letter in support of HB 2317.

Please feel free to contact us for further questions.

Respectfully,

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