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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, Senators Dembrow, Linthicum, and Manning,

Please accept this letter, in lieu of personal appearance, as my written testimony in support of your **Senate Bill 795**, which requires medical providers and law enforcement to arrange for the availability of a victim advocate to survivors of sexual assault.

As I have testified to in your chamber, such a procedure has been common practice as a matter of policy in Douglas County for several years. I can therefore state with the utmost confidence that the effect(s) of a professional advocate have been nothing but positive for victims of sexual assault, and have had no adverse impacts upon the criminal investigation.

I am a charter member of Douglas County's Sexual Assault Response Team and have witnessed the change of culture the past 15 years to that of being victim-centered; our partnership with advocacy providers has been the primary reason. I am also a former chair of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force's sub-committee on legislation and have co-authored bills and policy with which your current bill is consistent; in fact, I was surprised that so few counties have crafted a procedure by which the availability of a victim's advocate is automatic.

Thank you all for what you do for our state and its communities, and for considering the passage of this simple yet powerful legislation ensuring the rights of victims of sexual assault.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Patrick Moore