

March 24, 2017
Oregon House Judiciary Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Barker and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HB 2992, 'School Volunteer Criminal Background Checks'.

I recently, (Feb. 10, 2017) attended a workshop at the Portland Police Bureau Training Center, 'Keeping Children, Churches, Schools and Youth Organizations Safe'. In that workshop, one of the presenters, Sergeant Mark Snyder of the Portland Police Bureau pointed out that those who wish to do children harm often target them in their schools by either seeking employment in the school, or by volunteering. An Oregon law which would *require* school volunteer criminal background checks would be a strong tool to *prevent* this abuse and exploitation of children.

Please vote Yes on House Bill 2992.

Respectfully,

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