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Senate Judiciary Committee  
Floyd Prozanski, Chair  
Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice Chair  
Sen. Michael Dembrow  
Sen. Dennis Linthicum  
Sen. James Manning, Jr.

Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Oregon Voices. We support SB 247 for the some of the same reasons that we will be strongly supporting HB 2602, which clarifies vague and ambiguous language in the Sex Abuse 1 statute. We believe that clarity and currency in these matters is important to just and balanced law enforcement.

The term "deviate" that SB 247 would replace is both archaic and subject to more ambiguity and challenge than was probably the case when the statute first employed that word. The new language, therefore, affords greatly increased clarity and specificity.

Sincerely,

  
Ken Nolley  
For Oregon Voices