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Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force

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**Testimony in support of HB 5005  
Criminal Justice Commission Budget  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Public Safety  
Submitted by: Michele Roland-Schwartz, Executive Director**

**February 13, 2017**

Co-Chairs Winters and Stark, and members of the Sub-Committee:

My name is Michele Roland-Schwartz, Executive Director of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force. The Sexual Assault Task Force is a private, non-profit, non-governmental statewide agency with over 100 multi-disciplinary members who serve as advisors on 1 of 8 subcommittees including: Campus, Criminal Justice, Legislative & Public Policy, Medical-Forensic, Men's Engagement, Offender Management, Prevention Education, and Victim Response.

Our mission is to facilitate and support a collaborative, survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence. We accomplish our mission by providing multi-disciplinary training and technical assistance to sexual assault responders in Oregon and nationally.

I submit this testimony in support of HB 5005, and to respectfully request your support of funding for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, particularly as it impacts victim service organizations serving survivors of sexual violence. The availability and accessibility of local victim safety and treatment services is of critical importance to survivors, our communities, and strengthens our local infrastructure to effectively prevent crime and increase public safety. Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to make Justice Reinvestment in Oregon a success.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michele Roland-Schwartz  
Executive Director