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Dear Chair Barker, Vice Chair Olson, Vice Chair Williamson and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is "Christina." I use this alias because I am a domestic violence survivor, and I live in fear for my safety. I live in Damascus, OR.

As a domestic violence survivor I have experienced strangulation. My abuser pressed his forearm into my throat to hold me pinned against a wall as he yelled obscenities and spit in my face. Changing strangulation to a felony would send a clear message to the people that commit this horrendous crime.

Please hold these perpetrators accountable for their actions and pass SB 1562.

Thank you,  
Christina