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**FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD**

**Honorable Members of the Oregon State Legislature**

As a constituent and concerned citizen, I want to say thank you to the State Legislature for the funding provided in the current biennium through the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund (ODSVS). In the MeToo era we have all become more aware of the pervasive nature of domestic and sexual violence through the painful stories of those who are surviving trauma. However, it is estimated that current funding meets only 25% of the need in Oregon.

The Joint Ways and Means Committee on Public Safety will be holding a hearing, Thursday March 14, on SB 5515, which would provide a much needed increase in funding in the next biennium.

Having worked in the State Capitol in the past, I am well aware of the difficult choices you must make among many competing needs with the limited resources available. While I cannot know all of the challenges you face, I do know as a board member of a domestic and sexual violence center how valuable the ODSVS funds are to our organization and how great the need is in our community.

Please support SB 5515.

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