

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee on Senate Judiciary,

I am a resident of Multnomah County, Oregon and supporter of sexual assault survivors, and am a survivor myself. I care about this topic dearly.

- Why is this Bill Important :

- > Making sexual assault survivors go back to court to renew their restraining orders annually is unnecessarily retraumatizing. The restraining order period needs to be extended.
- > Protecting vulnerable people, children, survivors of repeat sexual assault offenders, and survivors of sexual assault by family is important and their protection deserves to be permanent.

- What does it remedy:

> Sexual assault survivors would not have to unnecessarily retraumatize themselves as often to access the protections offered by the government.

> It protects the most vulnerable in our communities, especially those who have jobs that do not easily allow them to take days off to go to court.

My position on this Bill is that I support it and I would like it to get passed. I support SB 482 along with it's "-1" amendment.

Link to Bill: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/.../2019.../Measures/Overview/SB482>

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and Members of the Committee on Senate Judiciary, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Helen Spencer-Wallace