

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

I am a resident of Oregon and supporter of sexual assault survivors. I care about this topic dearly, and know people who it would impact in positive ways.

Why do I find this Bill to be important?

> Having sexual assault survivors go back to court to renew their restraining orders annually is traumatic and puts the burden of protecting oneself on the survivor of an assault. This restraining order needs to be extended, and survivors of sexual assault should not be required to relive their trauma in order to feel safe.

> Protecting vulnerable people, children, survivors of repeat sexual assault offenders, survivors of sexual assault by family is important. Their protection deserves to be permanent.

- What does it remedy?

> It prevents the responsibility of keeping themselves safe from falling on the sexual assault survivors.

> It protects the most vulnerable in the community, especially those who have jobs that do not allow them to take days off to go to court to continue to protect themselves from unsafe individuals.

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>

Thank you Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and Members of the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bullard-Bates