

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. When my friend was sexually assaulted a few years ago and sought a sexual assault protection order (SAPO) I missed a few hours of work to be able to testify for 5 minutes in court. That was nothing compared to the countless days and thousands of dollars of legal fees that they had to expend to be able to protect themselves. Its astounding to think that they would have to relive that every single year to renew the SAPO. Washington state has recently passed a similar bill to make restraining orders permanent and its time for Oregon to do the same. Thank you for your work to pass SB482 and protect sexual assault survivors.

- Why is this Bill Important :

- > Having sexual assault survivors go back to court to renew their restraining orders annually is traumatic. This restraining order needs to be extended.
- > Protecting vulnerable people, children, survivors of repeat sexual assault offenders, survivors of sexual assault by family is important and 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.

- 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.

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