

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

My name is Eric Simons, I'm a resident of Oregon and a supporter of sexual assault survivors.

To find out that sexual assault survivors have to go back to court and renew their restraining orders annually is puzzling and problematic. The restraining order needs to be extended, if not made permanent upon first filing.

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.

The current system puts all the responsibility on the sexual assault survivors. And in certain communities, an undue burden is placed on those who have jobs that do not allow them to take days off to go to court.

1. – My position on this Bill is that I support it and I would like it to get passed.
2. – I support SB 482 along with its “-1” amendment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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