

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

I am a new resident of Oregon and supporter of sexual assault survivors. I work in advertising at an agency where several of my colleagues have brought this bill to my attention, and I care about this topic dearly.

It seems outrageous that the responsibility to renew the restraining order falls on the shoulders of the sexual assault survivors, especially because this annual process can be traumatic. I believe Oregon should show support for survivors by taking action to extend these restraining orders and take the burden off of the survivors. This bill will protect vulnerable people including children and survivors of repeat sexual assault offenders. It is important that the protection of these individuals remains permanent.

My position on this bill is that I support it and hope to see it passed. I support SB 482 with its "-1" amendment.

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

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