

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 am a social worker and an assistant professor of social work at Portland State University. I care about this topic dearly and have many colleagues, clients and community members who will be impacted by this bill.

Having sexual assault survivors go back to court to renew their restraining orders annually is traumatic and unnecessarily triggering. It is essential that this restraining order is extended for their wellbeing. 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.

Survivors should not be required to put their physical, emotional, mental and financial wellbeing at risk in order to maintain a sense of security and safety. I support this bill and I would like it to get passed.

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

Sincerely,
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