

Chair Williamson, Vice Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB2657-2.

I am a resident of Keizer, Oregon in Marion County where I am raising my three children, a daughter and two sons, all elementary age students. I was born and raised in Klamath Falls, Oregon and am a proud graduate of Oregon State University.

I am invested in ensuring that youth in my community and state are given the information and tools to understand consent, healthy relationship and boundaries - necessary ingredients to prevent sexual and domestic violence.

I appreciate the services that my local shelter program, Center for Hope and Safety, provides for victims of sexual and domestic violence. They work hard to get into schools in my kids' district, but receive zero funding to implement violence prevention education. They are the appropriate agency to deliver education because they understand the dynamics of abuse and violence, how it manifests in our culture, and are able to link youth to the resources in my community.

For these reasons, I urge your support of HB2657-2.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sam Schwartz
Resident, Keizer