

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Oregon and a supporter of the safety of sex workers.

Sex workers are some of the most vulnerable members of the community. Their work puts them in close contact with people from all backgrounds in very vulnerable settings. Today, sex workers cannot safely report when they get assaulted, attacked, injured by a client because they may be prosecuted by the police for prostitution or attempted prostitution.

This bill would allow sex workers to seek emergency services, including law-enforcement and medical care without fear of being prosecuted for prostitution or attempted prostitution.

I support SB596 and would like to see it passed.

Thank you,
William Hertling