

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

I am a supporter of sexual assault survivors and resident of Oregon, and I would like to write in my testimony of support for SB 995.

We need better protections for sexual assault survivors, and not re-traumatize them every time their restraining order needs to be renewed. This restraining order needs to be extended, and ideally be made permanent.

This bill doesn't put all the responsibility on sexual assault survivors. It protects the most vulnerable in the community — especially those who have jobs that do not allow them to take days off to go to court to keep having to annually renew a restraining order. And it prevents a SAPO from being considered null if the sexual assault survivor cannot get their assaulter served, even after due diligence of trying to get them served.

I support SB995 and I would like it to get passed.

Link to SB995 ( previously SB482 ):

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/.../2019.../Measures/Overview/SB995>

Sincerely,

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