

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

I am a sexual assault survivor, resident of Oregon, and a former teacher and school counselor and I would like to write in my testimony of support for SB 995.

**- Why is this Bill Important:**

1. Having sexual assault survivors go back to court to renew their restraining orders annually is traumatic. This restraining order needs to be extended, and although this bill is a step in the right direction with its new proposals, ideally the SAPO would stay in effect until the victim decides to lift it or the perpetrator dies.
2. Protecting vulnerable people, children, survivors of repeat sexual assault offenders, survivors of sexual assault by family is important and their protection deserves to be permanent.
3. Seeking out one's sexual assaulter when they are intentionally evading being served is extremely traumatic for the sexual assault survivors.
4. Allows the court to enter a permanent restraining order in certain circumstances, like if the perpetrator has been convicted of sexual assault crimes or if there are serious indicators of lethality.

**- What does it remedy:**

1. It prevents the responsibility of keeping themselves safe fall on the sexual assault survivors.
2. 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 renew it annually.
3. 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.

**- My position on this Bill is that I support it and I would like it to get passed.**

**- I support SB995.**

In Gratitude,

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