

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

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

This Bill is EXTREMELY important because it alleviates intense trauma from victims. Imagine if you or a loved one were sexually assaulted and had to:

- > Feel vulnerable and unprotected as a victim whether you are a child, a survivor of repeat sexual assault or a survivor of sexual assault by family member.
- > Relive this experience EVERY year for the rest of your life by having to back to court to renew your restraining order.
- > Seek out your sexual assaulter only to find they are intentionally avoiding being served, therefore nullifying your restraining order until they receive their papers.

Please help approve this bill so we can remedy this trauma and make sure we:

- > Remove the responsibility from sexual assault survivors to feel like they need to keep themselves safe at all times.
- > 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.
- > Prevent 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 with intense passion. There is no reason why this Bill should not be passed.

[Link to SB995](https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/SB995) (previously SB482):

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Sincerely,
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