

Honorable Members of the Committee:

As a retired peace officer, former crime victim and family member of a murdered victim, I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to SB 1013. The Oregon Legislature seems to be on a full-fledged assault against crime victims and law abiding citizens this session, and this is just the latest example. Every year, out-of-touch elected officials pass more laws to give more rights to criminals and chip away at the rights of crime victims and law-abiding citizens. I've seen some bad bills this session, but this is one of the worst. It is unconscionable that people who are entrusted to represent us would actually want to REDUCE PENALTIES for the following crimes:

- Murder for hire
- Murder involving maiming or torture
- Murder involving multiple victims
- Murder of a Police Officer
- Murder of anyone over the age of 14

Under this bill, a criminal could rape, torture and kill multiple 15 year-old girls and NOT be guilty of aggravated murder! Just imagine if it were YOUR daughter. Capital punishment should be reserved for the "worst of the worst", but if raping, torturing, and killing people isn't the worst, I don't know what is!!!

In addition, SB 1013 will remove future dangerousness as a factor when considering the death penalty. Seriously? Because we all know MURDERERS aren't dangerous, right?? This whole bill is utterly INSANE. The voters of this state have REPEATEDLY voted to keep the death penalty, yet our legislators repeatedly choose to thwart the will of the people they claim to represent. The complete disregard this legislature displays for Oregon crime victims and their families is SICKENING.

Please (for once) stop putting criminals above the safety of your own constituents. PLEASE do the right thing and OPPOSE SB 1013. Our lives depend on it.

Sincerely, Lesley Roehr
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