

Hello Chair Representative Bynum, Vice-Chair Representative Noble and members of the council. My name is Diana Marie Ogaz Gutman. I first want to take a moment to acknowledge the original host people of these lands: The Kalalapua, the Clatskanie, the Chinook and the Clackamas.

I am a disabled Veteran who fought for our country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am a soldier a Veteran. I am a Survivor of war. A Survivor of trafficking, a Survivor of rape. A Survivor of physical violence. And I am A Survivor of trauma.

I have proposed house bill 2746. This is the Hope Card program. Because of my own experience I believe that this program is crucial and helpful to all Survivors.

When I had finally obtained my protection order I was told that I needed to carry around the protection order packet with me everywhere I went. Every time I went to court, they would take my protection order apart and they would add more to it. Each time was more for me to carry around to remind me of the trauma that I've experienced.

My understanding is that protection orders are to protect the Survivor, and when I went to the Portland Fashion and Style Awards in 2018, I had my protection order in place against the man who had trafficked and raped me. This protection order had an Oregon State judge's signature and authorization issuing me this protection order. In the packet was an explanation of why I needed this protection. When I was at the 2018 Portland Fashion Style Awards event, the man who trafficked and raped me was also there. I immediately notified the security team working at the event and I showed them my protection order. From there, they went to actually talk to the coordinators of the event on how best to proceed. As a Survivor, at this point, I assumed that the general public would know what a protection order is, and be willing to help me in a time of danger.

Instead, the Portland Fashion and Style Awards took my protection order, looked through it entirely, and all the while the man who trafficked and raped me was still at the event and had not left the room. He was aware of the order because he fought against me for just over 9 months. This person knew that he needed to have left, but the general public didn't. As a Survivor I trusted people to do the right thing. The Portland Fashion and Style Awards instead chose to protect the man who trafficked and raped me and endangered everyone who was at this event in the process.

They lied and told me they had consulted the police and been told that I was the one who needed to leave in that situation because I was violating my own protection order (I was later told by two law enforcement officers and a judge that that cannot happen). They handed my

protection order back to me and they insisted that I was the one to leave and that if I refused to leave I would have had the cops called on me. It wasn't until later that I learned what happened was entirely wrong.

I tried to exercise my rights to enforce my protection order and an organization and business said "no, you don't have rights" and I wish I would have known then what I know now.

The hope card program is to ensure that Survivors don't have to experience anything remotely like what I've experienced. The hope cards don't replace the protection order that is issued by the state of Oregon. The Hope Cards reduce the amount of paperwork that the Survivor has to carry with them on a regular basis, and should the Survivor encounter their attacker, provide clear instructions on how to proceed. This also reduces the amount of time that it takes for law enforcement to gather the information, because they no longer have to sort through the daunting paperwork of a protection order. All the information that the law enforcement would need would be presented on this single card, expediting the time it takes to help in a time of need. Hope Cards will help Survivors stay alert and directed during a time of crisis, and help prevent them from being taken advantage of by those seeking to take advantage (either financially, or even through abduction) of vulnerable persons.

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