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To: Chair Bynum, Vice-Chairs Noble and Power, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the American Association of University Women of Oregon (AAUW of OR), we express our strong support for House Bill 4110.

Sexual and domestic assaults take a tremendous toll on its victims, particularly on an emotional level. Feelings of deep shame, misplaced blame and continuing fear challenge efforts to come to terms with these events.

This bill seeks to place Oregon on the path to even the balance and give a those who have been subjected to sexual or domestic violence an opportunity to ensure that their cases have been appropriately investigated.

We hope the Task Force will realize that these victims have a number of demonstrable needs for these official documents. They are needed, for example, to substantiate requests for time off from work or to decide whether to pursue civil remedies. Perhaps the most important impact of receiving this documentation is that it officially recognizes and acknowledges what happened to the victims and that someone listened. They were respected.

We urge the passage of House Bill 4110.

Respectfully Submitted,

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