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Testimony in Support of HB 4110

February 3, 2022

Chair Bynum, Vice-Chairs Noble and Power, and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

For the record my name is Courtney Neron and I am the State Representative of House District 26 which includes communities from Wilsonville to Hillsboro along the urban growth boundary line. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for HB 4110.

This bill is a result of many conversations with my constituent, Tyler Miller, who stepped forward and shared his traumatic experience and the many challenges he has experienced in trying to get closure and justice. Tyler and his family have been struggling for years to obtain information about an investigation and records of a crime . But because of the lack of communication and transparency, the Miller family have been emotionally exhausted and retraumatized as they share their story again.

The bill introduced in the 2021 session as HB 2400 sought to give victims of domestic violence and sexual assault access to law enforcement records related to this abuse. The current law is structured in a way that too often prevents victims of these heinous crimes from being able to access basic information about how their case was handled. I want to thank Representative Williams and Representative Kropf for supporting the work this session. It is a complex issue and one that I hope we can continue to work through with the stakeholders listed in the -1 amendment in order to ensure that victims maintain ownership over their story.

Survivors need clarity and a consistent statewide statute to understand how to access these types of records to allow for transparency and to empower them as they begin the healing process and seek closure.

I urge your support of this task force by passing HB 4110.

Thank you,

State Representative Courtney Neron