



February 21, 2022

Oregon House of Representatives
Salem, Oregon 97301
House Committee On Judiciary

Re: Support of SB 1574-A

Dear Chair Bynum, Vice-Chairs Noble and Power, and Members Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Wallan, Wilde:

Oregon National Organization for Women (Oregon NOW) is the largest grassroots feminist organization in the United States. For more than 50 years it has fought for its core issues of Reproductive Rights and Justice, Economic Justice, Ending Violence Against Women, Racial Justice, LGBTQIA+ Rights, and Constitutional Equality. SB1574-A is at the core of Ending Violence Against Women.

We believe that the notes prepared by the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, SANE, are part of the complete compilation of evidence that is taken and should be retained for later examination as part of the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Kit, SAFE, and should be withheld with other evidence for the appropriate amount of time deemed necessary for a proper investigation to ensue under the law.

Please pass this bill to close the existing loopholes that infringe on victim rights, so they can pursue their legal rights with all the facts gathered in evidence as it should be.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

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