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TO: House Committee on Education

FROM: Lane Weiss, Retired Educator, Community Volunteer

SUBJECT: HB3101

My name is Lane Weiss and I live in Redmond, Oregon. I am submitting testimony in favor of HB 3101 also known as Alyssa's Law. This is an important tool in our toolbox for school safety and I urge the Education Committee to vote YES on HB 3101.

I am a retired educator and am currently a community volunteer in Central Oregon in the communities of Redmond and Bend.

I served in education and schools for over 40 years. I started my career at Kenwood Elementary School in Bend as an elementary music teacher. The last fifteen years of my service were in the role of superintendent. I dealt directly with issues of school safety, emergency preparedness, staff training, coordination with first responder agencies, public relations and communication, and student support. In my first year as a school district administrator, I oversaw middle schools and high schools and dealt with the aftermath of the tragic Columbine school shooting.

It is imperative that we support, that you pass, and we implement HB 3101. This critical piece of legislation will support students, staff, and community members in the quest for safety, security, and the protection of our learning environments and the most sacred of community spaces where children learn, grow, and develop.

I am happy to lend my expertise, knowledge, and expertise in the area of school safety and to assist with getting HB 3101 passed and implemented.

Thank you for your service and your careful consideration of this essential piece of legislation designed to help ensure safety in our communities and schools.

Please vote yes!

With respect and appreciation,

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