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On Behalf Of: Law Abiding Citizens
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB698

Dear Lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt and I urge you to vote NO on SB-698. Law abiding citizens, communities, neighborhoods, employers, and law enforcement deserve to have the right to know who resides and is present amongst and who they are potentially dealing with and investing in. Nowhere in the text of the bill did I see which criminal offenses would be subject to this new bill and would qualify. Would all Criminal offenses qualify? Would sex crimes and robberies and burglaries and fraud qualify? If so than this is very much a problematic bill and an injustice to all law abiding citizens that would cross paths with these people. We deserve to know what we are encountering and who is around us. If people have a history of crimes against children and being sexual predators and we are crossing paths with them and going to be in the vicinity of them than us law abiding citizens and parents and communities and law enforcement have a right to know. If we are going to be crossing paths and encountering and being in the vicinity of people with a history of violence and thievery which shows their lack of trustworthiness and what they are known to be capable of than we law abiding citizens and parents and communities and law enforcement have a right to know. Records should not be expunged and accountability, the truth, and freedom of information should be expected and a right of WE THE PEOPLE and law abiding citizens. In my life time I have had my home burglarized, my parents have had their home burglarized, and I have grandparents and aunts/uncles who have had their homes burglarized. The same is true of all the before mentioned when it comes to having thier cars broken into and ransacked. I have had my home broken into, my cars broken into, packages stolen off my door step, people trespassing on my property continuously looking for items to steal, and I have been asaulted by known criminals multiple times in the course of my job. In all those cases the perpetrators deserve to have those records follow them for life. In all cases of sex crimes and violent crimes period, sex offenders and violent criminals especially deserve to have their records follow them for life. Oregon needs to be a state that is pro law enforcement, supports the actual victims, promotes being a law abiding citizen and having a society made up of rules and laws, believes in accountability and the truth, and does not see criminals/offenders/predators as the victims. If you think this theory/bill/proposed law would be something that your constituents would support and be for then why don't you put it forward as a ballot measure. I'm telling you right now that we the people and we your constituents would not support this bill. Please I urge the legislature to have some sanity and common sense, stop pandering to criminals and seeing them as victims, and vote NO on SB-698. Thank you.