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RE HB 3443

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and committee members,

I am writing on behalf of the Pacific Green Party to express strong support for the passage of HB3443.

Hate crimes have an impact on their survivors beyond physical or material damages from the attacks themselves. The measures described in this bill would help restore power that survivors have lost. They would be able to pursue recovery without fear of job loss, retaliation from their attackers, or violation of their privacy. These measures would also enable public servants in the DOJ and in victim assistance programs to better serve those in need without fear of their privacy being endangered.

*Per Oregonlive.com:

"According to the Oregon Department of Justice, the state's hate crimes hotline last year received 257 reports of bias perpetrated by neighbors and 185 reports of bias perpetrated by landlords..."

These are our relatives, co-workers, friends, and family. They deserve every bit of help we can provide to them in these dangerous times.

The PGP adds its name to the many other local and state groups urging passage of this bill.

Regards,

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for the Pacific Green Party

(*<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/hate-crime-victims-could-break-leases-without-penalty-to-move-away-from-attackers-oregon-bill-proposes/ar-AA18S76Q>)