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According to the Oregon Department of Justice, "Crime victims' legal rights are guaranteed by the Oregon Constitution and Oregon Revised Statutes

Victims' right to justice includes the right to:

- * play a meaningful role in the criminal or juvenile justice process
- * be treated with dignity and respect
- * receive fair and impartial treatment
- * receive reasonable protection from the offender"

As a provider who specializes in PTSD treatment and has worked with many sexual assault survivors. I am extremely concerned that victims' rights are not being fully considered in SB 819, SB 820, and SB 821.

Please remember that each sex offense crime has a real person behind it who has been utterly violated and had their life forever changed by the criminal behavior of the sex offender. Sometimes these scars are not only emotional but also physical. Leaving survivors with lifelong impairments due to the assaults they have endured.

Each survivor deserves the right that is constitutionally and statutorily given to them to stand up for and defend themselves, and others, from experiencing harm at the hands of the criminal sexual offender. The methods proposed in these bills of dealing with a backlog do not satisfactorily address this concern and open the victims up to re-traumatization and revictimization.

I encourage you to put victims first and vote no on SB 819, SB 820, and SB 821.