

Submitter: Mary Briney
On Behalf Of: Survivor Services POP 327 and HB 3196
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, Co-Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg, and Smith, and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I urge you to pass two pieces of legislation. The first is the Department of Justice Budget POP# 327 that will provide ongoing funding to stabilize critical survivor services programs (\$22M). This will maintain the same funding levels as in past years to ensure survivors of interpersonal violence can access the support they need and deserve.

The second is HB 3196, which will backfill VOCA funding (\$18.5M). Federal legislators are actively working on a sustainable fix for VOCA (H.R. 909), which has bipartisan support and, at last count, 148 co-sponsors. This one-time investment will ensure that when crime victims turn to agencies and systems providers for support, **HELP WILL BE THERE!**

It is crucial that Clackamas Women's Services and others maintain funding. I have witnessed many of the people they help when I worked at the Childrens Center in Oregon City. It is heart breaking. These people desperately need a place to get hope, help and to be heard.

I urge you to vote in favor of POP# 327 and HB 3196. Thank you for your support and the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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