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Re: Support for HB 4123 - Legislation to Protect Tenant Privacy

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 4123 on behalf of the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence.

Our member programs work with survivors seeking safety from domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault across the state. One of the clearest and most consistent concerns survivors express is fear that private information about them—including information about their status as a victim—will be disclosed without their knowledge or consent.

In the course of applying for and securing housing, landlords have access to significant amounts of private information that if disclosed without permission has the potential to put survivors at risk of further abuse and re-traumatization.

For example, disclosure of information about where a survivor works could lead to a perpetrator locating the victim at the workplace. Research indicates that 74% of abused individuals are harassed by their partners at work, and more than 50% report that abuse hinders their ability to work. Disclosure of survivor's bank account information could lead to economic abuse, which is prevalent in many domestic violence cases. And disclosure of information indicating that someone is a victim is highly sensitive and can be used to shame, manipulate, retaliate against, or further harm survivors.

For many survivors, disclosure of their victim status—particularly by a landlord or housing provider—can:

- Expose them to retaliation by an abusive partner or family member
- Lead to harassment, discrimination, or coercion
- Undermine their autonomy and safety planning
- Discourage them from seeking housing stability or support services

HB 4123 appropriately limits the circumstances under which landlords may disclose confidential information. From a victim services perspective, this bill is consistent with trauma-informed and survivor-centered practices. Confidentiality is foundational to survivor safety, dignity, and trust. When systems fail to protect that confidentiality, survivors are less likely to seek help, disclose abuse, or maintain stable housing—outcomes that run counter to Oregon's public safety and housing goals.

HB 4123 strikes an appropriate balance by allowing lawful disclosures, when necessary, while ensuring privacy as a general rule. The bill reinforces the principle that a person's status as a victim is not incidental data—it is information that requires heightened care.

Survivors should not have to explain their trauma to justify their right to privacy. HB 4123 helps ensure that Oregon's housing laws do not unintentionally place survivors back in danger. On behalf of the survivors we serve—and the many more who never feel safe enough to come forward—we urge you to support HB 4123. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and for your service to Oregon communities.

Thank you for you time,



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