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Lane Shetterly, Chair Oregon Law Commission U of O School of Law Eugene, OR

Dear Mr. Shetterly:

The Oregon Commission for Women, in its role of advocate for the women of Oregon, wants to thank you and offer our support as the Oregon Law Commission begins its important work of revising laws and policies regarding workplace harassment in the Capitol. Every day women are active participants in the process of public policymaking in Oregon's Capitol. Whether as visitors, employees, volunteers, interns, or policy-makers themselves, a respectful and safe environment throughout the Capitol is essential for every voice and every talent to be fully included.

We look forward to hearing at the Commission's meeting tomorrow, the members of the workgroup, knowing that their diverse experience and viewpoint will bring needed thoughtful review and meaningful reform. Protecting the rights of all within the often intense capitol environment is a foundation of trusted, responsive government that we fully support and will follow with interest.

Sincerely,

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