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Lane Shetterly Chair, Oregon Law Commission University of Oregon School of Law 1221 University of Oregon Eugene, OR 97403

Dear Mr. Shetterly,

We are the Title IX coordinators at Oregon's public universities. In our role as Title IX coordinators, we work to ensure that our students, faculty and staff members are able to learn, work and grow in an environment that is free of gender discrimination and sexual harassment.

Each year, many Oregon public university students serve as interns and in other capacities in the Oregon State Capitol. This service is a valuable educational experience for our students, providing an invaluable lesson in civics and democracy and often leading to careers in public service. It is also a valuable experience for legislators and other members of state government who benefit from the perspectives, experiences and efforts of the many students in their midst.

We strongly support the call by Speaker Kotek and Senate President Courtney for the Oregon Law Commission to review the laws and rules regarding harassment, discrimination and retaliation that protect those working and serving in the Capitol. As you do this work, we ask that you keep in mind the students serving in the Capitol and their unique concerns and vulnerabilities. The power differential that is so often an element of harassment is particularly acute when students are involved.

We also write to let you know that we are happy to serve as a resource for you as you do this work. If we can help, please contact Dana Richardson at the Oregon Council of Presidents at richardsond@wou.edu and she can coordinate our efforts.

Thank you for your service and for taking on this important task.

Sincerely,

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