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Dear Co-Chair Johnson, Co-Chair Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair Rayfield, Co-Vice Chair Gomberg, Co-Vice Chair Smith, and the Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

This letter is to let you know that we, a coalition of Indivisible groups across Oregon, support SB 577, the bill that would create a database for hate crimes across the state and a hotline for victims. We ask that you help get this bill passed out of committee and into law before the end of the legislative session.

As hate crimes increase across our nation and our state, we believe that Oregon should do a better job of tracking these crimes and make it easier for people to report them. We believe this bill would give the Department of Justice and law enforcement officials better tools for protecting people and preventing crimes before they can take place.

We strongly support its passage.

Sincerely,

The following members of the Consolidated Indivisible Oregon Network



The Consolidated Indivisible Oregon Network represents thousands of Oregon voters across the state and is dedicated to making our state a safer, healthier and environmentally supportive place to live. Contact us at mary.d.chaffin@gmail.com