

To the Honorable Dave Hunt
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Speaker Hunt,

I wanted to take the time to Thank you for your work make HJM 22 a reality. You are a true champion of equal rights. I had no idea when I wrote the original draft on March 24th of what became HJM 22 that it would actually get this far.

It seems like a simple thing for people to expect to be safe in our state and yet the Hate Crime in Seaside Oregon against Samson Deal and Kevin Petterson underscores the need not only for our State Hate Crime Statute but also for the need to see a similarly comprehensive Federal Statute.

I have been very impressed by Seaside Police Chief Robert Gross' response to the attack. His professionalism and commitment to justice has been exemplary.

It doesn't matter whether a person agrees with someone being gay or lesbian or not, that's irrelevant. People deserve to feel and be safe in their communities. HJM 22 is the morally correct response to the act of violence against Samson and Kevin and acts like it in our state.

Thank you again for your work on this and its introduction to the House of Representatives yesterday. Please urge the House Rules Committee to quickly schedule a hearing and work session on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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