

OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HOUSE DISTRICT 35

June 12, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak Chief Clerk of the House State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97301

Re: Vote Explanation on SB 1121 B

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Thank you for accepting my vote explanation for <u>SB 1121 B</u>. While I appreciate the intent to mitigate the very real and harmful impacts of doxing, I cannot support this bill. We heard in committee there is already a civil action available, but it is not being used. There are also already laws on the books criminalizing the harms described in the statute. The argument from the law enforcement officers who brought the issue forward was essentially that current processes are too difficult to use and therefore we must add to the crimes already on the books. In my office, criminalizing actions already covered under other statutes is viewed with skepticism. Increasing the criminality of actions does not prevent the problem and contributes to the unrepresented crisis. The bar is high for me to say yes in that scenario. But the deciding factor for me was the addition of property destruction as a component of this crime in the <u>-A5 amendments</u>. Crimes against people are different from crimes against property and I do not support conflating the two, especially when there are already laws on the books. For these reasons I made the decision to vote no.

Sincerely,

Representative Farrah Chaichi

House District 35

