

SB 867 is a tragic bill. The issue is defendants criminally threatening witnesses. Yet, the Attorney General and District Attorneys do not want to prosecute the threatener. Instead, they want to admit unconstitutional hearsay. The floor letter for the bill states “the defendant forfeits their constitutional objection” which violates the Oregon Constitution and United States Constitution. The legislature has no authority to pick and choose what parts of the constitutions it will shred. It defies all claims of constitutionality when only two Senators stand up to say this is unconstitutional. Why did they not demand the AG and DAs enforce criminal laws to protect the victims? Actions like this have resulted in genocide. Actions like this have resulted in Japanese Americans placed in Oregon prison camps. Actions like this led to the disastrous three years since March 13, 2020. The solution is for District Attorneys and the Attorney General to do their job. Prosecute the crime. Protect the victims.