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**KATU HEADLINE: “Lawmaker Casts Sole Vote Against Bill That Would Give More Time For Rape Survivors To Sue”** (Joe Douglass, “Lawmaker Casts Sole Vote Against Bill That Would Give More Time For Rape Survivors To Sue,” [KATU](#), 5/21/19)

**Bynum Cast The Sole Vote Against Giving Rape Victims More Time To File Civil Suits Against Their Rapists, Calling It Was Her "Job" To "Protect The Accused.”** “State Rep. Janelle Bynum, D-Clackamas, cast the sole vote in Oregon's House of Representatives against a bill that several rape survivors passionately support. ‘It's not popular to protect the accused but it is our job,’ Bynum told her fellow lawmakers last month. The bill would extend the statute of limitations for survivors to file civil suits in sexual assault cases.” (Joe Douglass, “Lawmaker Casts Sole Vote Against Bill That Would Give More Time For Rape Survivors To Sue,” [KATU](#), 5/21/19)

- **Bynum Claimed That By Extending The Amount Of Time For Rape Victims To Sue Their Rapists, They Were “Doing People An Injustice.”** “On April 24, Bynum was the only lawmaker in the House to vote against the bill during a floor vote. ‘We're doing people an injustice by extending the amount of time,’ Bynum told legislators. ‘The ability for someone to regain their integrity, their position in the community once they've been accused of something that perhaps they didn't do, I think is an important consideration. And it is particularly an important consideration in the African-American community.’ Bynum also said there should be a broader discussion about how long a person should be required to remember events as they try to defend themselves.” (Joe Douglass, “Lawmaker Casts Sole Vote Against Bill That Would Give More Time For Rape Survivors To Sue,” [KATU](#), 5/21/19)