



April 17, 2017

The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 421- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wiener,

As the District Attorney of Alameda County, and Chair of the California Sex Offender Management Board, I am proud to support SB 421. This bill will reform the California Sex Offender Registry.

Currently, all sex offenders are required to register for life under the Sex Offender Registration Act, regardless of the seriousness of the offense. As a result, California has over 100,000 registrants and that number continues to grow. This bill will create a tiered registry that is based on a person's individual record and risk of reoffending that would allow law enforcement to concentrate their effort and resources on making sure high-risk and violent offenders comply with the law.

SB 421 will divide the registrants into three tiers based on the seriousness of the underlying offense, criminal history, and risk of sexual reoffending. Tier One, would require the offender to register for 10 years, Tier Two would require registration for 20 years, and Tier Three would still require lifetime registration.

This bill provides a more tailored approach to monitoring and assessing registrants. This also allows law enforcement to focus their efforts and focus on the high risk offenders.

For these reasons and more I support SB 421. If you have any questions about this position, please contact, Michelle Thomas Shaw, Legislative Director, at (510) 272-6256 or michelle.thomasshaw@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy E. O'Malley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

NANCY E. O'MALLEY
District Attorney