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Senator Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Public Safety Committee
State Capitol Room 2031
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 853 - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Skinner, Vice Chair Moorlach and Committee Members:

On behalf of more than 100,000 residents of California required to register as sex offenders and their families, I write to inform you that we strongly oppose Senate Bill 853. If passed, this bill would significantly expand the duration of protective orders from a maximum of 10 years to the possibility of a lifetime. In addition, the bill would require some individuals to wear a GPS device for a year.

The significant expansion of the duration of protective orders could violate the due process rights guaranteed by both the state and federal constitutions. In addition, the significant expansion could further harm California families who might be denied an opportunity to reconcile and even reunite.

The requirement that some individuals would be required to wear a GPS device is a violation of the right to be free of unreasonable searches as provided by both the state and federal constitutions. In addition, this requirement could result in substantial fees to be paid by individuals who are often unemployed or underemployed.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. The Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws and more than 100,000 California families strongly urge you to vote "NO" on this bill during your hearing scheduled for May 27.

Sincerely,



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