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Senator Steven Bradford, Chairman Senate Public Safety Committee State Capitol Room 2031 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re:

Senate Bill 615 - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Bradford:

The purpose this letter is to request that you and all members of the Senate Public Safety Committee vote "NO" during the committee's consideration of Senate Bill 615. If enacted into law, Senate Bill 615 would harm the LGBT community because, in part, it would eliminate a judge's discrimination regarding whether to require an individual to register as a sex offender if the difference in age between two consenting individuals was more than three years.

Current law allows judges to decide, based upon the facts of a case, whether to require registration as a sex offender if the difference in age is 10 years or less. The current law is former Senate Bill 145, which was authored by Senate Public Safety Committee Member Senator Scott Wiener and has protected members of the LGBTQ community for less than six months.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to oppose Senate Bill 615. If possible, the Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws, a non-profit organization, and its members would welcome the opportunity to speak during the hearing at which Senate Bill 615 is considered.

Sincerely,

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