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Chairman Kevin McCarty
Vice Chairman Juan Alanis
Assembly Committee on Public Safety
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1128 – STRONGLY OPPOSE

Dear Chairman McCarty and Vice Chairman Alanis:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate that the Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws (ACSOL) strongly opposes Senate Bill 1128 and therefore we request that you and all members of the Assembly Public Safety Committee vote “no” on that bill. The Committee is expected to consider SB 1128 during its hearing scheduled for July 2, 2024.

If enacted into law, SB 1128 could dramatically increase the number of Californians required to register as a sex offender. In fact, the California Department of Justice has estimated that SB 1128 would add up to 32,000 individuals to the state’s sex offender registry which is already the largest registry in the nation.

Specifically, SB 1128 targets more than 30,000 individuals previously convicted of Penal Code 261.5, which is known as statutory rape. These individuals have never been required to register as a sex offender and because SB 1128 would be applied retroactively, they would be required to register for the first time even if they were convicted more than 30 years ago.

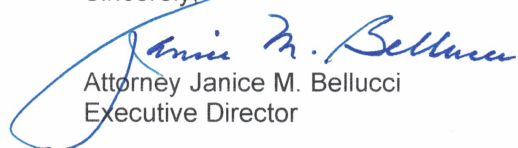
Also, if enacted into law, SB 1128 would defeat the purpose of the Tiered Registry Law (SB 384) which was approved by the legislature and enacted into law in 2017. The purpose of that law was to reduce a bloated and ineffective registry that was both costly and did not increase public safety.

Further, SB 1128 would require extensive research by the California Department of Justice to identify and locate individuals convicted of PC 261.5 decades ago. This research would include the ages of both the perpetrator and the victim because SB 1128 would apply only to cases in which there was an age difference of 10 years or more.

Finally, the registration requirements of SB 1128 would adversely affect up to 32,000 individuals and their families due to challenges faced by each person required to register. Those challenges include, but are not limited to, unemployment or underemployment as well as reduced housing options that could lead to homelessness.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. We strongly request that all members of the Public Safety Committee vote “no” on SB 1128.

Sincerely,


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