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Supervisor Jeff Grover
County of Stanislaus Board of Supervisors
1010 10th Street, Suite 6500
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Dear Supervisor Grover,

We respectfully request that the County of Stanislaus Board of Supervisors act to officially support Assembly Bill 1844: *Chelsea's Law*.

On Thursday February 25, 2010, 17-year-old Chelsea King disappeared after going for a trail run in a San Diego park. Law enforcement and thousands of volunteers searched until they found her body five days later. Chelsea was the victim of a horrific crime committed by a known sex offender, who was convicted 10 years prior of violently molesting a 13-year-old but served only five years in prison.

Such a violent sex offender who attacks children is among the most dangerous and disturbed criminals. Chelsea's story has become a lightning rod for change after too many children and families in California have suffered similar tragedies.

For this reason, and to honor the memory of Chelsea, we have written *Chelsea's Law* (AB 1844). *Chelsea's Law* will isolate these particularly harmful predators and prevent them from inevitable additional violence. *Chelsea's Law* increases penalties for violent sex crimes against children (under 18) including mandatory Life without Parole for those who commit the most serious and heinous sex crimes against children.

For those crimes lacking the severity to merit the Life without Parole sentence, *Chelsea's Law* calls for lifetime parole supervision along with GPS monitoring upon release from prison. It also disallows these felons from loitering in parks where children congregate and where they could easily target new victims. We believe this combination of increased sentencing, enhanced supervision and the creation of "safe zones" will significantly decrease the current frequency of horrific violent sex crimes against children by repeat offenders and also save young lives of promise.

The support for *Chelsea's Law* includes 55 legislative co-authors who span the political spectrum. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez, California Attorney General Jerry Brown, five leading California District Attorneys, and numerous California

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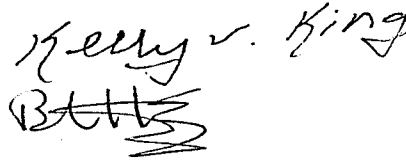
cities and counties have all declared their support for the legislation. *Chelsea's Law* is additionally being driven by a network of 88,000 Chelsea's Light Foundation "changemakers" from around the world, law enforcement groups, crime victim advocates and concerned citizens.

We need your support to help enact *Chelsea's Law* in the Legislature. Please join us and act to officially support AB 1844: *Chelsea's Law*.

Sincerely,



Nathan Fletcher
Assemblyman, 75th District



Kelly and Brent King
Chelsea's Light Foundation

Date

The Honorable Nathan Fletcher
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA

Subject: Assembly Bill 1844 (Fletcher) - Support

On behalf of (Insert name of Institution/Person), (I am/We are) pleased to support
AB 1844: *Chelsea's Law*.

(I/We) believe that the type of violent sexual predator who attacks a child is an extremely dangerous criminal and should be punished accordingly. Therefore we agree that AB 1844: *Chelsea's Law* is a crucial piece of legislation which will help prevent such horrific crimes as that which happened to Chelsea King. (We/I) believe it to be a disciplined and targeted approach to dealing with those who are known to be an extreme danger to our children and our communities.

For these reasons (I am/We are) pleased to support AB 1844.

Sincerely,