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The Honorable Dawn Addis
Assemblymember for District #30
State Capitol
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Re: AB 93 (Bryan) Criminal Procedure: Consensual Searches (OPPOSE)

Dear Assemblymember Addis:

This letter is to urge you to vote no on Assembly Bill 93 (Bryan). This proposed law will make our communities much less safe although it is cloaked in language that misleads the reader to believe it will somehow protect individual rights.

If the bill becomes law, it will eliminate every individual's right to cooperate with law enforcement and it will severely diminish law enforcement's ability to solve criminal investigations that would otherwise either exonerate the innocent or hold the guilty accountable for victimizing the vulnerable in our communities.

Prohibiting consent searches will cause harm to vulnerable people in our most vulnerable communities because the effect will be many unsolved crimes. The author's bill fails to include the readily available data showing that minority communities are disproportionately VICTIMS of all types of crime. The legislature should instead find new ways to assist law enforcement in solving crime so that all of our communities - including vulnerable communities - are safer. This bill fails the commonsense test. How could a modern, compassionate, and just society in good conscience eliminate an individual's inherent right to cooperate with an investigation. Our government leaders should encourage individuals to take responsibility for their actions, not avoid accountability that ultimately leads to anarchy.

Constitutionally lawful consent searches lead to solving violent crimes like murder and abusive crimes like sexual abuse of children every single day. Eliminating this important law enforcement tool will undoubtedly lead to more sexual and violent criminals going unidentified, unpunished, without rehabilitation, and being left free to victimize vulnerable communities. This will increase rates of crime and will leave victims to needlessly suffer additional trauma.

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On the eve of Victim's Rights Awareness Month (April), I strongly urge you to stand with the many vulnerable victims of crime who will be severely harmed by this ill-conceived legislative proposal and to vote NO on Assembly Bill 93.

Very sincerely,



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