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Cc: [John Benton](#)
Subject: CDAA Bill Positions & Letter Templates/Examples
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 2:45:50 PM
Attachments: [AB 2617 \(Gabriel\) - Support.doc](#)
[SB 136 \(Wiener\) - Oppose.docx](#)
[Template OPPOSE Letter .doc](#)
[Template SUPPORT Letter.doc](#)
[Template SUPPORT IF AMENDED Letter.doc](#)
[CDAA Bill Positions.docx](#)

CDAA Leg. Committee: Thank you for participating in the all-day bill marathon yesterday. I have put together some materials for you. Attached is the list of positions the Committee adopted. There are 22 Oppose bills (and an additional few that are Further Study/potential Oppose), 32 Support bills, and three Support If Amended bills.

As we discussed, if you analyzed a bill that was designated an Oppose, Support, or Support If Amended position, please fill out a template (attached). I also attached an example of a support (AB 2617) and oppose (SB 136) letter. It would be helpful if you saved the document in the same format as the examples.

Timeline:

March 23rd Assembly Public Safety Committee Hearing

27 bills are on the agenda [HERE](#). If your bill is listed, **I will need these letters by Tuesday March 16th** (a week prior to the hearing).

March 23rd Senate Public Safety Committee

8 bills are on the agenda [HERE](#). **I will need these letters by Tuesday March 16th**. We are going to miss the letter deadline for the March 16th hearings, but Larry will engage when these bills hit the Floor for a vote.

All other letters I hope to receive by the end of next week.

And by the way, I have cc'd my boss, John Benton, Partner at California Strategies.

Have a great weekend,
Tiffany

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July 27, 2020

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2617 - Support

Dear Assemblymember Gabriel:

The California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) supports AB 2617, your measure that relates to gun violence restraining orders, as amended on July 9, 2020.

We appreciate your commitment to this important issue. Please let me know how else I can be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

Larry D. Morse II
Director of Legislation



May 2, 2019

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The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 136 – Oppose

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the California District Attorneys Association (CDA A), I regret to inform you that we are opposed to your measure, Senate Bill 136. This bill would eliminate a one-year sentence enhancement for every prior conviction resulting in a state prison commitment or county jail commitment pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(h).

These enhancements exist, in part, to allow sentences to appropriately reflect someone's criminal conduct history. A person who has previously been sent to prison, only to commit a new felony upon their release, is subject to the one-year enhancement SB 136 seeks to eliminate. A person who has previously been sent to prison three times would potentially be subject to three one-year enhancements. That is, if the prosecutor alleged and proved the grounds for the enhancement, and a judge chose not to dismiss or strike the enhancement.

The underlying premise of SB 136 is that a recalcitrant criminal should be sentenced the same as a first-time offender, despite a lengthy criminal history and a track record of disregard for the law. We reject that premise.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of our concerns. If you would like to discuss these issues further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Date, 2021

The Honorable **Author's Full Name**
California State **Assembly/Senate**
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB/SB ____ - Oppose

Dear **Senator/Assembly Member ____**:

On behalf of the California District Attorneys Association (CDA), I regret to inform you that we are opposed to your measure, **AB/SB ____**. This bill would **____ (brief description of what bill does)**.

THEN CONSIDERLY (AND IN LAYMAN'S TERMS IF POSSIBLE) EXPLAIN WHY THE BILL IS NOT NEEDED AND/OR WHAT THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES ARE IF BILL PASSES INTO LAW.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of our concerns. If you would like to discuss these issues further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable **AUTHOR NAME**
California State **HOUSE** (Assembly/Senate)
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: BILL NUMEBER – Support if amended

Dear **AUTHOR** (Senator/Assemblymember_____):

The California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) supports **BILL NUMBER**, if amended.

Include the language of proposed amendment and why the amendment is necessary.

We appreciate your commitment to this important issue. Please let me know how else I can be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable **AUTHOR NAME**
California State **HOUSE** (Assembly/Senate)
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: BILL NUMEBER - Support

Dear **AUTHOR** (Senator/Assemblymember_____):

The California District Attorneys Association (CDA) supports **BILL NUMBER**, your measure that relates to **TOPIC**, as **amended/introduced** on **DATE**. (look up date of the bill on <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>)

We appreciate your commitment to this important issue. Please let me know how else I can be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

Larry D. Morse II
Director of Legislation

