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March 8, 2023

The Honorable Shannon Grove  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Room 7150  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for Senate Bill 268 – Classifying All Rapes as Violent Felonies**

Dear Senator Grove,

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 268 (Alvarado-Gil), bipartisan legislation you co-authored to include all rape violations as violent felonies under California law.

This important bill will strengthen State law and enhance victim rights by ensuring all rape victims, including those who were unconscious or otherwise unable to give consent, are treated equally. By elevating this category of rapes from a misdemeanor to a violent felony, victims will be able to seek a more appropriate level of justice against the perpetrators of this horrific crime.

According to The National Sexual Violence Report Center, only twenty-five percent of all rapes are currently reported. Enactment of this legislation is expected to result in more victims coming forward to report the sexual assaults they've experienced rather than continuing to suffer in silence.

Again, I appreciate you bringing this important legislation forward and strongly support its approval by the State Legislature. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me at (619) 531-5522 or [joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Joel Anderson  
Supervisor, Second District

Cc: The Honorable Marie Alvarado-Gil  
The Honorable Kelly Seyarto