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August 21, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O St., Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Signing Request – Senate Bill 1414

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 1414.

This bill, if implemented, will increase penalties for individuals who solicit or purchase minors for sexual acts; the first offense being considered a felony-misdemeanor wobbler, and the second or subsequent offense charged as a felony with a minimum sentence being 16 months and a maximum of 3 years.

Human trafficking has plagued California for years and the number of victims of human trafficking has exponentially increased every year. With the rise in social media and advanced technology, locating and prosecuting these predators has become extremely difficult. In addition to increasing penalties for individuals soliciting or purchasing minors for sexual acts, this bill requires anyone 18 years and older to register as a sex offender for 10 years once sentenced for their second offense if the criminal was 10 years older or more than the victim at the time of the offense.

This bill is a crucial step toward strengthening the ability to protect children from being trafficked for sexual acts. SB-1414 further aligns with ongoing efforts to create safer neighborhoods, promote a secure environment for all Californians, and shield victims of human trafficking.

Thank you for your consideration, I respectfully request that you sign SB-1414. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
Senate, 32nd District