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June 25, 2015

Senator Loni Hancock, Chair  
Senate Public Safety Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2031  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 54 (RUNNER) – SEX OFFENDERS: RESIDENCY RESTRICTION: PETITION FOR RELIEF ▪ SUPPORT ▪**

Dear Senator Hancock,

I am pleased to support Senate Bill 54, which will make sex-offender residency restrictions more workable, while keeping the integrity of voter-approved Proposition 83 intact.

As you are aware, Senator Sharon Runner and I are the authors of Proposition 83, otherwise known as Jessica's Law. In addition to mandatory residency restrictions for sex offenders, Jessica's Law included important public safety reforms such as strengthened sexually violent predator laws and increased parole terms.

SB 54 is designed to eliminate any confusion caused by the recent decision of the California Supreme Court regarding California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's enforcement of sex offenders in San Diego County.

Specifically, the measure provides that the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of each county would have primary jurisdiction to consolidate and hear petitions challenging the 2,000 foot residency restriction as laid out in Jessica's Law. The Court would grant relief if it is established that there was a pervasive lack of compliant housing in the subject county.

The residency restrictions in Jessica's Law help keep our neighborhoods and children safe and give California parents peace of mind. For this reason, I strongly support SB 54 and urge your "aye" vote on June 30.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER  
1<sup>st</sup> District

cc: Senator Sharon Runner  
Eric Csizmar, Policy Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus