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Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 110 (Liu) – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The *[name of organization]* strongly supports this bill, the Crime Victims with Disabilities Act.

People with disabilities, especially cognitive disabilities, are victimized at much higher rates than the general population, yet law enforcement's response has been far from adequate. Too often, we treat abuse of people with disabilities – and seniors – as if it were a civil problem or even a private matter, rather than the heinous crime that it is.

SB 110 finally makes it clear that law enforcement agencies are responsible for investigating abuse of people with disabilities and seniors. This will be a major step toward providing equal protection.

We urge you to sign SB 110.

Sincerely,