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Assembly Member Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer Sr
Chair of the Public Safety Committee
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Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer Sr,

SB 145 - Sex offender registration

Prostasia Foundation supports SB 145, which would correct the discriminatory effects of the current law, whereby heterosexual young people are treated more harshly by our criminal justice system than homosexual or bisexual young people. Specifically, in sentencing those convicted of sexual acts with minors aged 15, 16, or 17, judges have the discretion not to include the person on California's sexual offence registry, provided also that they are not more than 10 years older than their partner, and that the sex act was penile-vaginal intercourse. This discretion is not available when the sex act was oral or anal intercourse. The effect of this discrepancy is discriminatory, and we urge the committee to allow SB 145 to correct this discrepancy.

As a child protection organization based in California, we are pleased to note that SB 145 would not decriminalize any sexual act between adults and minors, and that it would not provide any benefit to defendants who are more than ten years older than their partners.

If we may be of any assistance to the committee, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We look forward to the passage of SB 145 through the committee, and eventually its signature into law.

Yours sincerely,

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