

- TO: Sen. Floyd Prozanski, Chair
 Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair
 Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
 Implementation
- FR: Amanda Dalton OR District Attorneys Association <u>amanda@daltonadvocacy.com</u>
- RE: Support for SB 497

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the Committee in support of SB 497.

ODAA fully supports supervised probation of misdemeanor domestic violence offenders. As you heard during the Committee, historically this population has not been funded for supervision – yet the majority of our domestic violence crimes are charged as misdemeanors. Accordingly, we are missing significant opportunity to match treatment and intervention to what are often high risk and violent crimes that pose a risk to the victim, their families and even the community.

We appreciate the willingness of proponents to have conversations with all stakeholders and commitment to work towards full funding of this bill, in addition to taking steps to create a system that decreases domestic violence recidivism with an eye on increasing victim safety.

We look forward to working with DOC, Community Corrections and other stakeholders to clearly define compliance for the purposes of receiving earned discharge to reflect the completion of key programs specific to domestic violence offenders such as completing Batters Intervention Programs, evaluation for risk and future violence and victim notification where a Safety Plan, if desired, has been completed.

We urge your support of SB 497 and the funding necessary to ensure that all Counties can supervise domestic violence misdemeanors.