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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 8, 2025

Dear Chair Prozanski and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in support of SB 1015, which creates a grant program aimed at reducing community violence.

Communities suffering the highest rates of violence are underfunded, and this bill will ensure that they get the resources they need. By funding community-based organization that are already prioritizing community safety, it is promising that effective prevention efforts will be supported where they are needed.

The flexibility in funding – covering emergency housing, stipend, professional development, and training – means the program can address the root causes of violence, support the people doing the work, and build a sustainable community infrastructure. This bill moves beyond reactive strategies and instead invests in prevention, resilience, and community-led safety.

We have the ability to stop violence from happening before it grows, before it escalates, before it even happens. Investing in prevention reduces the long-term societal and economic costs that violence causes.

I greatly urge your support for SB 1015 and prioritize the safety and well-being of our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Finger McDonald".

Representative Sarah Finger McDonald
House District 16