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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1015

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to [Bill Name or Number], which proposes allocating taxpayer dollars to nonprofit organizations under the banner of community violence prevention.

While reducing violence is an important and worthy goal, funneling public funds into unaccountable and ideologically aligned nonprofits with no proven track record is not the solution. These organizations often lack transparency and measurable outcomes, and there is little evidence to suggest they are effective in actually reducing crime.

Moreover, the exclusion of the most effective and experienced responders in favor of ideologically favored groups is deeply concerning. This approach is not data-driven—it is politically motivated. Studies used to justify such funding are frequently based on self-reported outcomes or mere correlation, not causation, and they conveniently ignore the cities where similar programs have failed.

The vague language in the bill further compounds the issue by creating opportunities for activist groups to obtain funding under the guise of public safety, potentially advancing agendas that have little to do with reducing violence.

Taxpayer dollars should be used responsibly, and that means investing in strategies that are proven, accountable, and focused solely on making communities safer—not in organizations that lack oversight or push political agendas.

I urge you to oppose this bill and instead support data-backed initiatives that prioritize real public safety over ideology.

Sincerely,
John Hafner