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Honorable Scott Weiner
California State Senate
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senate Bill 145 (Support)

Dear Senator Weiner,

The California Police Chiefs Association is proud to **support** SB 145 (*as amended on May 21, 2019*), which would equalize the registration requirements for specified voluntary sexual offenses involving minors aged 14-17, with a person not more than 10 years older, by including members of the LGBTQ community.

Under existing law, if a heterosexual couple, consisting of an adult and minor, engages in voluntary penile-vaginal intercourse, the adult may seek relief from registering as a sex offender if he or she is no more than 10 years older than the minor. Unfortunately, this relief is not applicable to couples who identify with the LGBTQ community. SB 145 would instead exempt all adult persons in consensual relationships with minors, regardless of sexual orientation, from registration requirements if said adult is not more than 10 years older.

For these reasons, we are proud to support this measure. For additional questions, please contact our Legislative Advocate, Jonathan Feldman, at jfeldman@lawpolicy.com.

Thank you,

Ronald A. Lawrence
President

Jonathan Feldman
Legislative Advocate