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RE: **Support for Assembly Bill 2513**

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

We are writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 2513. The CCLA is generally opposed to registering people for criminal offenses as it often carries with it a stigma and an element of shame. Furthermore, registries leave so much potential for government abuse, such as chilling free expression, despite Constitutional protections.

While the purpose of the narcotics registry is ostensibly to assist law enforcement in monitoring the whereabouts of people convicted of serious drug offenses, statistics have shown that registries actually do very little to prevent future crime, which is in part the reason our State Legislature voted to overhaul the sex offender registry last year.

Also interesting is that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's 2017 Outcome Evaluation Report shows that there is a higher recidivism rate for property crimes or crimes against persons than there is for drug offenses. Why there is a registry for narcotics abuse and not for crimes against persons or property is very puzzling. (Office of Research, 2017 Outcome Evaluation Report: An Examination of Offenders Released in Fiscal Year 2012-13 (Oct. 2017) California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.)

*"Indifference to personal liberty is but the precursor of the state's hostility to it."
— Justice Kennedy, U.S. Supreme Court*

For all the aforementioned reasons, the CCLA supports AB 2513. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

Yours truly,



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