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The Honorable Henry Stern

California State Senate

1020 N Street, Room 3070

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1320 (Stern) – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Stern:

On behalf of <YOUR ORGANIZATION>, we are writing to express our support for SB 1320 (Stern), a measure that will allow victims of elder or dependent adult abuse to be eligible for the California Address Confidentiality Program known as Safe at Home.

SB 1320 will give participants who have suffered from elder or dependent abuse a confidential, substitute address to manage their affairs and protect their privacy from potential abusers by being eligible for the Safe at Home program. This program is administered by the Office of the Secretary of State in order to enable state and local agencies to both accept and respond to requests for public records without disclosing the name and/or address of participants.

For nearly two decades, Safe at Home has helped to protect survivors of stalking, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking and continuously extended its program to include more people. It is time for the same protections to be offered to victims of elder or dependent abuse. The elderly are among the most vulnerable in our communities. Social isolation, physical disabilities, and mental impairment make the elderly particularly vulnerable to abuse.

Those who have suffered from elder or dependent abuse and are afraid their information will be acquired by their abusers should be able to participate in this program. This simple measure will give those who suffered from this form of abuse the opportunity to seek help and protection from this program and for these reasons, <YOUR ORGANIZATION>supports SB 1320 (Stern).

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR TITLE]

[YOUR ORGANIZATION]

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