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Subject: Please Support SB 790 and SB 767

I would like to express my support for both SB790 and SB767. I imagine everyone would agree that domestic violence is such an awful, awful thing.

Both of these bills effort help prevent domestic abuse from happening through education. I know there are other the measures that aim to more strongly punish those who perpetuate abuse. I agree with those as well, but any time that's the case, there is already a victim.

There should never be a victim in the first place. Education helps prevent that. People who may end up in an abusive relationship should be able to see the signs and know how to get out before it's too late. Also, for those who might be included to participate in abuse, they should be learn and understand why such behavior is wholly inappropriate.

I try to be an honorable man and father. I've seen the effects of abuse and even experienced them myself. I try to teach my kids what to look for and how to treat other people, particularly in personal relationships. But I fear that other parents won't do the same. Please work to pass these bills so that other children may learn about this important topic.

Thank you.

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