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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Melissa Schmitt, and I am writing in support of SB586. For true restorative justice to happen, honesty from all parties is necessary. For true honesty to come out to assist in the matter of both the responsible and harmed party we need confidentiality protections. Broadening important confidentiality measures specifically to include community-based restorative justice programs allows for truth-telling and accountability in dialogue-based processes that can both prevent and address serious and complex harms.

Thank you for considering my views.

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