



PREVENTING VIOLENCE
AND DEVELOPING
YOUTH LEADERS



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Senator Connie Leyva
State Capitol, Room 4061,
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**RE: Senate Bill 592 Healthy Relationship and Safe Schools Act (Leyva)—
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Leyva,

We as high school students at Castlemont High School and members of Teens on Target (a youth leadership development and violence prevention program) support SB 592. Adolescent dating abuse is a big problem that has negative impacts on young people, our schools, and our communities. It is so important that it spans two of the six sessions on violence that we teach to other young people.

We know that teens who are victims of dating violence are more likely to be depressed, do poorly in school, use drugs and alcohol, and have eating disorders. Some teens even think about or attempt suicide.

This bill would make school districts update their policies to include ways to prevent, detect, and help with incidents of teen relationship abuse. We do much of this work through Teens on Target but we don't get to speak to all students and we can't do it alone. Please support SB 592 and help our schools help us to stay free from unhealthy relationships.

Sincerely,
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