



PREVENTING VIOLENCE AND DEVELOPING YOUTH LEADERS

March 25, 2016

The Honorable Rob Bonta
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0018

Re: Assembly Bill 2160- SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Bonta,

On behalf of Youth ALIVE! I am writing to express our strong support for AB 2160. Youth ALIVE! is a violence prevention and intervention organization that helps young people become leaders and advocates for the change they would like to see in their communities through our Teens on Target Program, mentors and supports healing for young people who have been violently injured through our Caught in the Crossfire program, and works with families grieving in the wake of a homicide through our Khadafy Washington Project.

AB 2160 would modernize statutes governing the California Victim's Compensation Program by expanding benefits in order to meet the emerging needs of California's Victim Community.

AB 2160 would change CalVCP eligibility and benefits in order to:

- Remove the sundown for AB 1629, which supports physical and emotional recovery for Californians injured by gun or other violence, through the Crime Victims Compensation.
Expand the reasons for which a victim may receive reimbursement for income loss to include leave for bereavement or to attend legal, medical, mental health counseling or other crime-related appointments or to take a minor victim to such appointments.
Allow reimbursement for transportation and child care expenses that are necessary in order for a direct or derivative victim to attend legal, medical, mental health counseling or other crime-related appointments.
Increase the reimbursement limit for relocation expenses from \$2,000 to \$4,500, remove restrictions on additional relocations, and allow relocation for reasons of medical necessity.
Increase the reimbursement limits for crime-scene cleanup and enhanced residential security from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
Provide that a victim of distribution of child pornography may be eligible and emotional injury is assumed, whether or not the victim was aware at the time that the images were being produced.

We are proud to support AB 2160.

Sincerely,

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