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FLOOR ALERT
SCR 144 - SUPPORT

Members of the California State Senate
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCR 144 (Seyarto) Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Dear Senator,

The California Catholic Conference **SUPPORTS SCR 144** (Seyarto) as introduced on 3/10/26. This would recognize April 19, 2026 to April 25, 2026 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

This year's theme of "Listen. Act. Advocate. Protect Victims. Serve Communities," is a call to action to recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of supporting all survivors and victims of crime.

Catholic social teaching prioritizes healing, compassion, and dignity for crime victims, advocating for restorative justice over mere vengeance. It emphasized supporting victims through the trauma of crime, inviting their participation in justice processes, and ensuring accountability for offenders while encouraging rehabilitation. The church calls for pastoral care, community support, and mental health resources to help them heal from emotional and physical wounds.

For these reasons as the official public policy voice for the catholic church of California, we ask that you vote "AYE" on SCR 144. Should you have any questions regarding our position please contact Linda Wanner, Director for Social Justice & Environmental Stewardship at 916.208.4462 or email lwanner@cacatholic.org.

Sincerely,

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