

Matt's Law – One down and...

at least seven to go...

Hi Everyone

We couldn't have asked for a better result. I think Robert Oakes, Senator Torlakson's Press Secretary, put it best when he said "We hit a grand slam and two home runs today". Referring to the unanimous vote of 6 - 0 by the Senate Public Safety Committee Members to send **Matt's Law** on to the Senate Judiciary.

I can't express to you enough the incredible feeling it was to see all the **Matt's** Supporters in their **red** especially when Senator Migden recognized everyone showing their support and had you all stand up. I can't thank you enough for weathering the rain and just plain nasty weather to make it to the Capitol yesterday.

I am not sure if everyone made it to Senator Torlakson's office afterward but he thanked everyone for coming and relayed how important it is to continue to come in support as the hearings continue. He also spoke of a letter writing campaign to all the University Presidents, Chancellors, Athletic Directors, Fraternities and Sororities and so on. He will be getting a letter together and we will be putting it on Matt's site along with addresses and email addresses to make this as easy as possible.

Please start writing in support of Matt's Law to Senator Dunn who is the Judiciary Chair. We have two weeks before our next hearing so unfortunately there is no time to rest. If you have time and wouldn't mind you can copy all the Members of the Judiciary Committee the letter you send Senator Dunn, there are four total and you can find their information on Matt's site.

The fact that our bill went with a unanimous vote is awesome and should go a long way in helping us obtain our goal but we cannot take anything for granted. As I have said before this bill, as good as it is, will not pass itself.

Thank you to everyone for coming to the hearing, thank you to those that wore their **red** and **Matt Badges**, if you had them, yesterday in support of **Matt's Law** and thank you to everyone for all the letters and support.

"Hug your children and tell them you love them everyday"

Love,
Debbie, MM

**Next hearing: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 1:30pm Room 112 Hope you can make it.
Thanks**