

Hi Everyone,

Sorry I didn't get this out yesterday, I lost access to my incoming and outgoing mail before I could get it sent.

Yesterday went the best it possibly could have. Matt's Law was placed on the Suspense file to be reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Appropriations Committee before it can be moved on to the Senate Floor. We should know in about 2 weeks whether or not it will move on. This is normal practice for any bill that is pursuing a felony act because of the cost to the state to keep someone in prison.

I have been assured that it looks very good that our bill will be passed through the Appropriations Committee. This being the case we should think ahead and start preparing our letters to the rest of the Senators that we have not yet written to.

Here is a list of all the Senators that sit on the three Committees that Matt's Law has gone through thus far...

**Aanestad, Alarcon, Alquist, Ackerman, Ashburn, Battin, Cedillo, Dunn, Dutton, Escutia, Florez, Kuehl, Margett, Migden, Morrow, Murray, Ortiz, Perata, Poochigian, Romero and Torlakson.**

So concentrate your efforts on the rest of the Senators which can be found here [California State Senators Public E-Mail Addresses](#) or on Matt's site by clicking on Matt's Law, scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on the State Senators if the link doesn't work for you.

While in Senator Torlakson's office yesterday there was a stack of letters on the desk. Aaron, one of his assistance (who goes through all the Senators letters) told me that when writing the letters be sure to write Re: and what the letter is regarding in our case it would be **Re: Senate Bill 1454 - Matt's Law**. This way the person that is opening the mail knows as soon as the letter is open what it is for. Personally I also write **SENATE BILL 1454** and **MATT'S LAW** in red on the front of the envelope so there is no mistaking what the letter is for.

Also, keep the letters somewhat brief, there is a better chance that they will actually read it because they receive so many of them. Remember our bill is not the only one they will be voting on.

I don't know how many of you were able to attend **Joe Gonzales's** Anti-hazing speech in Chico last month but I've been told that he did an awesome job getting his message across. We are hoping to have him give it again for video so that we may put it on Matt's site.

Those of you that have not read Joe's story I encourage you to go to Matt's site and click on Hazing Stories on the Home page. If you have a story or know of someone that has a story please send it in. You would be amazed at just how powerful your story is and how many people you can reach by telling it.

I wish I would have gotten the name of the Police Officer we encountered in Sacramento on Monday that had his own hazing story. He shared that he had been tarred and feathered then knocked off a cliff. When he went over the cliff the hazers got scared so they took off and left him there not knowing if he was dead or alive. Of course nothing happen to those that were involved and so it continues and will keep continuing until there is accountability.

It seems that everyday there is someone out there and helps me realize more and more just how important **Matt's Law** really is.

Hope everyone is doing well.

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

Love,  
Debbie, MM