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CABIP LAUDED FOR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF AB1886

California Association of Batters Intervention Programs, along with the Association of Batters Intervention Programs and the Statewide California Coalition for Battered Women, are programs absolutely committed to the safety of victims.



See letter from Assemblymember Lowenthal on Page 3.

CABIP members (left to right) Renata Vaselle-Augenstein, Im Jung Kwuon, Alyce LaViolette, and Sheila Hazlett pose with State Assemblymember Alan Lowenthal, 54th District, following the successful passage of AB 1886 on batterers intervention in the Public Safety Committee. The group testified in Sacramento.

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AB1886 — WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

By ALYCE LAVIOLETTE

CABIP SOUTHERN CO-CHAIR

AB1886 sets minimal and flexible standards for members of our profession. AB1886 does not change the requirements for facilitators monitored by the Los Angeles County Probation Department's Monitoring Team.

The original template for AB1886 is Draft 14, enforced by Jim Wright's Monitoring Team and developed by a coalition of shelter advocates, the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council, the Probation Department, and batterers' group facilitators.

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Dear Ms.  LaViolette:

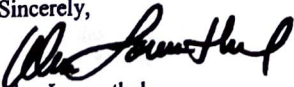
As an elected official, I have the opportunity to meet with many people with different ideas to affect change at the state level. You, however, are one of the few people that not only have the ideas, but also the vision and the capability to realize change. For this reason, I would like to thank you for all of your work on my bill, AB 1886 related to batterer intervention programs. Without your work, I do not believe we would have accomplished such a comprehensive bill that managed to build a consensus between various groups.

I would also like to thank the Association of Batterer Intervention Programs, the California Association of Batterer Intervention Programs and the State Wide California Coalition on Battered Women. These programs are absolutely committed to the safety and well being of victims and their commitment translated into action through their work on AB 1886.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your uncanny ability to build a consensus with many diverse groups. The many hours you spent with both grass roots and professional organizations created a stronger piece of legislation. I think I would be remiss not to mention the work you did with specific groups such as the California Alliance Against Domestic Violence, the National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter and the Marriage Family Therapists. Every one of these groups had an important contribution to this bill and I appreciate the fact that you managed to navigate their concerns with such expertise.

Once again, I thank you for your commitment to this bill and to batterer intervention programs across the state. Your work has truly made a difference in the lives of victims throughout the state. I look forward to continuing our work together as this bill goes through the process.

Sincerely,


Alan Lowenthal
Assembly Member, 54th District

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