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**RE: AB 1412 (Hart) Pretrial Diversion for Borderline Personality Disorder**

The Honorable Senator Aisha Wahab

Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee

Legislative Office Building

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear The Honorable Senator Aisha Wahab,

I am writing to express my strong support for AB 1412 (Hart), which would include individuals with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) in California’s mental health pretrial diversion program. This legislation is essential because it recognizes that individuals with BPD are unfairly excluded from the program despite evidence showing that treatment reduces criminal behavior, arrests, and recidivism in this population.

Excluding individuals with BPD from pretrial diversion eligibility exacerbates both public stigma and self-stigma about borderline personality disorder.

People with BPD make important contributions to society and deserve equitable and just treatment, and compassion.  Treatment is essential for reducing the risk of suicide among people with BPD, as self-harming behaviors are common in BPD.

AB 1412 is an important step in the right direction toward providing equitable and just treatment to individuals with BPD. I urge you to support this legislation and help ensure that individuals with BPD have access to the treatment and support they need to thrive and succeed in society.

I support AB 1412 and I request that you support it as well. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**[Name**

**Address]**