

Annette Magnus, Executive Director, Battle Born Progress Support Testimony
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Good morning, Chair and members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Annette Magnus and I am the Executive Director of Battle Born Progress. I am here today to show our support for Assembly Bill 160. Individuals who are found guilty of certain crimes should not be marked with a scarlet letter for the entirety of their lives. The drug war has done significant harm to communities of color and this bill would begin to right that wrong. Applying for a loan, applying for housing, applying for a job, applying for social assistance, all of these things are prohibited or made much more difficult for individuals who have been convicted of a felony. This cannot continue. I urge the committee to pass AB160 and begin to right the wrongs of a misguided criminal justice system that has done so much harm. Please support this important bill. Thank you.