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The Honorable Susan Rubio Member of the Senate, 22nd Senate District 1021 O Street, Suite 8710 Sacramento, CA 95814

> Re: SB 1265 (Rubio) Position: Support

Dear Senator Rubio,

On behalf of the California Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, a non-profit organization with 661 members who are certified family law specialists by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization, I write to support Senate Bill 1265.

SB 1265 provides for an additional ex parte procedure in circumstances where a person subject to a domestic violence retraining order has parenting time with a child, and there are allegations of a recent arrest of that person for a violent crime. The bill provides for judicial discretion in deciding whether to grant the ex parte request to suspend visitation, provides that the court take steps to corroborate the allegation, and provides for a short time until a hearing is held. The bill balances the interest in protecting children with a person's opportunity to appear in court and be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

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