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RE: Oppose HB 275

To Alaska Legislature,

After listening to the initial hearing on HB 275, we're worried about insufficient attention to the privacy of sexual assault victims. Specifically, we're concerned about law enforcement or DNA databases accessing the victims' DNA.

There was a case in San Francisco, California where the police department [kept a rape victim's DNA and used it to cross match on a burglary case 5 years later](#). If sexual assault victims have no idea or are unwittingly giving permission to have their rape kit processed as a means to get justice after being sexually assaulted, but then find out that their DNA will be kept on file in a data base indefinitely for law enforcement agencies to access whenever they want, it will create an untenable situation for sexual assault victims to have to chose between getting justice or maintaining their privacy.

Hopefully there is some way to address these types of concerns in additional committee hearings. Thanks for your time and attention in this matter.

The Community United for Safety and Protection is a group of current and former sex workers, sex trafficking survivors, and our allies, advocating for safety and protection for everyone in Alaska's sex industries.

Sincerely,

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