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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **Support Letter for AB 378 (Chu)**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the Committee of 100, I am writing to express support for and urge your signature on AB 378 (Chu), to provide hate crime victims with a fair opportunity to seek meaningful civil recovery from their attackers.

While the bill was originally inspired by a vicious attack of several Asian Pacific American youths by white youths, the Committee feels strongly that extending the statute of limitations for bringing an action under the Bane Act from one to three years will help hate crime victims of all races and help build an atmosphere of respect and tolerance for all Californians.

As you may know, the Committee of 100 is a national non-profit, non-partisan organization that brings a Chinese American perspective to issues concerning Asian Americans and U.S. relations with China. The Committee pools the experience, knowledge and resources of Chinese Americans who have achieved prominence in a variety of fields. Some of our members include I.M. Pei, Yo Yo Ma, and Jerry Yang (Yahoo!). Almost half of our members are in California. Our two-fold mission is to:

- Promote the full participation of Chinese Americans in all fields of American life; and
- Encourage constructive relations between the peoples of the United States and Greater China (which includes China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan).

Should you wish to follow up with the Committee in reference to the legislation, please do not hesitate to call Kathleen W. Lee, the Committee's Program Director, in our New York office. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your administration to improve the quality of life for all Californians and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Lee  
Chairman

cc: Assemblywoman Judy Chu  
Vivian Huang, Legislative Advocate, AACRE