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- Select these settings:
 - Measure: SB 258
 - Session Type: Regular
 - Bill Version Date: 2025-05-01 (the bill was amended to add co-authors)
 - Select a Committee: Assembly Committees - Public Safety
 - Select Your Stance: Support
 - Subject: SB 258 (Wahab) Justice for Disabled Spouses – SUPPORT
- Click "Choose File" and attach your letter. Hit "Submit".

Sample Letter:

[Date]

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Appropriations
1021 O Street, Suite 8140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 258 (Wahab) Justice for Disabled Spouses – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wicks:

[I / Name of organization] [am / is] writing to express [my / our] support of Senate Bill (SB) 258, which closes a loophole in California law that permits the rape of a spouse who is unable to consent due to a disability. We ask that you pass the bill immediately and without amendment.

[Optional: insert relevant information about your organization]

Since the 1970s, 47 states have passed laws to remove spousal rape exemptions, but California has lagged behind. Assembly Bill 1171 (Chapter 626, Statutes of 2021) eliminated most differences between how spousal rape and non-spousal rape are treated in the law, but a disparity remains when a person is unable to consent due to a disability.

An estimated 1 in 10 women have been raped by a spouse. For disabled spouses, this number is likely higher, as disabled people are four times as likely to be sexually assaulted compared to their nondisabled counterparts, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

SB 258 eliminates this double standard and establishes that rape is rape, regardless of a victim's abilities and their relationship to the perpetrator.

For all of these reasons, [I / our organization] [support / supports] SB 258 and [I / we] respectfully request a "YES" vote on the bill without any amendments..

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]