DA Anne Marie Schubert Visits Capitol In Support Of California Youth Evidence-Based Solutions Touted As Critical Crime Prevention Measures



District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert made an unusual request of elected officials: invest in kids today to prevent crime tomorrow. Citing research and data, DA Schubert made a strong case for increased investments in evidence-based solutions such as after-school, dropout prevention, and home visiting programs to keep communities safe and secure.

"It is important to me as District Attorney and member of this community to add my voice to the call for more investment in programs that keep kids out of the criminal justice system," said DA Schubert. "If we keep children in school to receive an education, provide opportunities for them to engage in constructive activities and ensure they have a supportive home environment – we help ensure a healthier, safer community for everyone. I have been a proud member of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids for several years and regularly advocate for the prevention policies they support."

The Capitol visits are funded and coordinated by Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a national anti-crime organization comprised of over 5,000 district attorneys, sheriffs, police chiefs and victim advocates.

"Law enforcement leaders and crime survivors from all over California make this trip annually because they know that keeping youth engaged in school and on track for graduation is essential to keeping California safe and prosperous," said Brian Lee, California State Director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids.

In total, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids members met with key policymakers, legislative staff, and administration officials on Tuesday. Topics for discussion included a funding increase for the state's After School Education & Safety (ASES) Program, a home visiting program which would help prevent child abuse and neglect, and proven strategies designed to help improve school climate and reduce suspensions.

For more information about these issues or to review Fight Crime: Invest in Kids *California's* complete 2018 legislative agenda, please contact Meghan Moroney at <u>mmoroney@calfightcrime.org</u>.

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