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Agenda Item (*) Bill 14-CD-1
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Written Testimony

I volunteer as a mentor for the Surfrider Spirit Sessions for girls. I have done this same type of involvement in Chile for kids living in the slums and this is and extremely supportive, effective growth environment for everyone, myself included. I learn so much from these powerful women and we have established a strong and trusting network. I have gone to hula classes or runs with some of the mentees and mentors, for example. This support network brings everyone together and out into the community, rather than being incarcerated. I've been in this program for less than 2 months, but I've seen girls share their stories and open up to mentors and staff. And nothing replaces the bright smiles on their face after catching a wave, sharing a laugh with a mentor, or chanting "STOKED" at the end of a session. This program has my full support and I am happy to speak further about it with anyone. Thank you for the opportunity to write about such an awesome turn-around program.

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