

AB 2014

MY NAME IS JOSÉ SOLÍS AND I AM HERE WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION ^{from} ~~in~~ LOS ANGELES. I AM IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2016.

IN L.A. WE HAVE TO PAY FOR OUR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL. THIS IS VERY HARD FOR MY ~~THE~~ FAMILY AND THE OTHER FAMILIES WHERE I LIVE IN SOUTH CENTRAL. EVERYONE IS STRUGGLING TO FIND MONEY FOR RENT AND FOOD. WE CAN'T AFFORD AN EXPENSIVE BUS PASS.

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO WALK TWO MILES TO CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL. ~~THE~~ I WAS STOPPED TWO TIMES BY THE POLICE AND TICKETED AS I WAS HEADING INTO MY SCHOOL. ~~A~~ AFTER THAT WHEN I WAS LATE I ~~HAD~~ WOULD CHOOSE TO SKIP SCHOOL TO AVOID ~~DEALING WITH~~ GETTING A TICKET. 1

THE ~~POLICE AND THE~~ SCHOOL STAFF NEVER ASKED ~~WHY~~ WHY I WAS LATE. THEY NEVER

THEY JUST
SENT US
TO THE POLICE.

SAT US DOWN TO TALK ABOUT
OUR PROBLEMS, I GOT SO
DISCOURAGED THAT I FINALLY
LEFT SCHOOL.

I FOUND THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION
WHERE I GRADUATED. I AM IN
STRONG SUPPORT OF AB 2616 BECAUSE
IT IMPROVES STUDENT ATTENDANCE
BY ENCOURAGING SCHOOLS TO SIT DOWN
WITH US AND DEVELOP PLANS TO STAY
IN SCHOOL, INSTEAD OF SENDING
STUDENTS TO THE POLICE.

I HAVE SEEN SO MANY YOUTH WHO WERE
PUSHED FROM SCHOOL TO THE STREETS
AND JAIL. NOW WHERE SCHOOLS ARE
FOCUSED ON HELPING STUDENTS,
WE'RE GRADUATING IN RECORD NUMBERS.
THAT SAVES THE STATE MONEY BY
INCREASING ATTENDANCE AND DECREASING
INCARCERATION AND COURT COSTS. PASS AB 2616
CALIFORNIA CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO.
We need college prep not prison prep.