

To all concerned legislators specifically,
Judiciary Committee Co-Chairs (RE: Sen. Eric Coleman and Rep. William Tong)

As you all know getting the public's support for government representation often leaves you humbled and honored, and for good reason. Your family, friends, neighbors and community members have decided to entrust you with one of the more important responsibilities our society could bestow; representing the public in the noble and honest act of government representation. It is an honor to be taken sincerely and with great vigilance. When elected officials perform their duties correctly the community is assured their votes were not wasted and in fact they are motivated to continue to participate in the democratic process. When that trust is shattered by corruption, abuse of power, greed or self interest, however, citizens become cynical, detached from the process and disenfranchised. Abuse of the trust by elected officials must be treated seriously since it is a lynchpin of our society. So it is with great passion that I support An Act Concerning Restrictions on Persons Running for Public Office Who Have Violated the Public Trust" **House Bill No. 7052**: "

It is a privilege to serve citizens as an elected official and once you betray the trust citizens should not have to worry if the same person is going to abuse that trust again. In my hometown and home-state political leaders have returned from jail sentences for political corruption only to commit similar crimes again. If we allow convicted elected corrupt officials to serve again we're sending the wrong message to developers, investors and citizens alike. PLEASE pass House Bill No. 7052.

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