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**Sacramento County District Attorney Asked to Investigate
Assemblyman Devon Mathis Sexual Assault Allegations**

Believed to be the first publicly named legislator in wake of Weinstein scandal

(Torrance, CA, Oct 19, 2017) – American Children First formally submitted a letter to the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office requesting a criminal investigation into an alleged sexual assault perpetrated by Assemblyman Devon Mathis (R-Visalia). The alleged victim worked for Mathis and was assaulted while unconscious.

In addition to the letter, statements from two sources who have affirmed their willingness to speak to authorities if asked, were also provided.

Mathis is believed to be the first legislator in the nation to be accused of engaging in sexual predation since the Harvey Weinstein scandal unfolded. Earlier this week, more than one hundred women working in Sacramento signed a letter condemning the sexual harassment and abuse that they are subjected to by legislators and lobbyists.

“After reading how a current legislator recounted her own story of abuse and would not name the offender, I decided that we needed a spark and that I would be the first one through the door,” says Joseph Turner, executive director of American Children First. “It is my hope that our actions and complaint will embolden these victims to stand up and seek justice.”

American Children First is an American nationalist organization that subscribes to an “America First” philosophy. Turner, a self-professed Steve Bannon-ite, has waged an aggressive and extremely successful war against the California Republican Party establishment and a group of moderate “Republican in Name Only” legislators that voted for a cap and trade bill that will raise gas taxes by more than 70 cents per gallon.

Mathis was one of the legislators that voted for cap and trade.

“A political party is supposed to stand for something and votes must have consequences. We will continue to punish those who betray us and abandon those principles,” Turner said.

More details about the alleged assault can be read on our website at the following address:

<http://americanchildrenfirst.org/source-california-state-legislator-sexually-assaulted-unconscious-staffer-night-drinking/>

Joseph Turner is the Executive Director of American Children First and author of the “American Children First” initiative. He previously founded the anti-illegal immigration group Save Our State and also authored the City of San Bernardino Illegal Immigration Relief Act (IIRA) in 2005. The IIRA served as the model for dozens of local jurisdictions, most notably Escondido (CA), Farmers Branch (TX), and Hazleton (PA). Farmers Branch and Hazleton had their ordinances struck down by their respective Courts of Appeals and the Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal for each case. Turner can be reached online at <http://AmericanChildrenFirst.org> and <https://facebook.com/AmericanChildrenFirst> or at: (424) 269-4564.