



August 2018

Dear Friends:

August is a busy time for the California Legislature.

The deadline for passing legislation is August 31.

Then the governor has until September 30 to sign bills into law.

My office dedicates significant resources to tracking, analyzing and submitting positions on bills involving the criminal justice system.

We provide guidance to lawmakers in an effort to ensure that new laws not only protect our community but also treat all parties fairly.

This year, a budget bill created a mechanism to divert people with a mental illness out of the criminal justice system.

Quite frankly, the language is so broad that it allows judges to consider claims that lack merit.

My office is working with others behind the scenes to propose changes to this law.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has a reputation for being a respected voice in the legislative community.

We will continue to work to ensure that we fulfill our mission to protect the community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.

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Jackie Lacey
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