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The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Senate Appropriations Committee, Chair
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1402 (DAHLE)
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1402 (Wahab).

AB 1402 prohibits costs for the medical evidentiary portion of a child abuse or neglect examination from being charged directly or indirectly to the victim.

Existing law provides reimbursement costs for the medical forensic examination of domestic violence, adult and pediatric sexual assault victims. Unfortunately, existing law does not provide reimbursement for the cost of medical forensic examinations in cases of suspected child physical abuse or neglect. This makes it difficult for clinics and providers to offer this service.

Evidentiary medical exams are an important tool for law enforcement and for victims. It makes little sense to offer free evidentiary medical exams to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence but not to victims of child abuse or neglect.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE GASCÓN
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cc: Assembly Member Dahle