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The Honorable Aisha Wahab Senate Public Safety Committee, Chair 1020 N Street, Room 545 Sacramento, CA 95814

## ASSEMBLY BILL 806 (MAIENSCHEIN) SUPPORT Senate Public Safety Committee

Dear Senator Wahab:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 806 (Maienschein).

AB 806 expands the crimes permitting joinder of offenses occurring in different jurisdictions that can be consolidated in one trial when the victim and the defendant are the same to include "any crime of domestic violence."

Current law already allows certain domestic violence crimes to be joined and tried in one jurisdiction. However, as written, the statute overlooks several common domestic violence crimes, including strangulation without injury, criminal threats, witness dissuasion and protective order violations.

AB 806 closes a loophole in existing law, and it aligns existing law with the legislative intent behind Evidence Code section 1109, which allows for evidence of uncharged domestic violence offenses to be cross-admissible in trial.

AB 806 will help protect victims of domestic violence from having to repeatedly face their abuser in multiple jurisdictions and lessen the trauma these victims are required to endure.

For these reasons our Office is pleased to support AB 806.

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,

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