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**Senate Bill 1019
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Blakespear:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 1019 (Blakespear).

SB 1019 requires law enforcement agencies to destroy firearms subject to destruction under existing law in their entirety by smelting, shredding, crushing, or cutting all parts of the firearm, including any attachments. It also requires every law enforcement agency to develop and make available on its website a written policy regarding the destruction of firearms.

Under existing federal guidelines and state law, guns are legally "destroyed" when the serialized frame or receiver of a gun is destroyed. However, the barrel, grip, slide, firing pin, and magazine, may remain intact. As a result, the remaining parts are often sold online as gun kits and combined with a frame or receiver to make a new gun. Individuals who want to avoid registration can easily pair the gun kit with an un-serialized frame or receiver to create a "ghost" gun. This means that all but one piece of a firearm removed from the streets may end up right back on the streets as parts of a "ghost" gun.

SB 1019 aims to reduce gun violence by ensuring that all firearms confiscated by or surrendered to law enforcement are completely destroyed, and no part makes its way back into society.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamar Tokat in our Legislative Office at 916-442-0668.

Very Truly Yours,

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