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Senate Bill 1427
SUPPORT

Dear Senator Ochoa Bogh:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 1427 (Ochoa Bogh).

Many California counties have "collaborative" courts to address the needs of, and improve the outcomes for, specialized populations of criminal offenders. However, these courts are often underfunded and have insufficient programming options for participating defendants.

SB 1427 would create a competitive grant program, administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections, for counties that establish "homeless or mental health courts" for homeless individuals who commit specified types of misdemeanor crimes. The court could be operated on a deferred entry of judgment or diversion model. Participating defendants would receive a needs assessment, be required to participate in treatment programs, and be provided with services related to their circumstances.

SB 1427 also proposes to create a "Transition Home" grant program under which the Board of State and Community Corrections would allocate grants to county sheriffs for re-entry planning, including housing navigation services, for jail inmates at risk of becoming homeless.

SB 1427 is an important step toward getting mentally ill and homeless individuals the care they need and to promote rehabilitation and housing stability.

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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