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**Senate Bill 2  
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 2 (Portantino).

SB 2 proposes to create a new issuing process for concealed carry weapons (CCW) licenses in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*. Some of the significant changes proposed by the bill include updating the existing "good moral character" standard by instead requiring CCW licensing authorities to issue or renew a CCW license if the applicant is "not a disqualified person" for the license, and the applicant is at least 21 years of age. A licensing authority will be required to deny a license or renewal application if it determines that the applicant has committed certain acts, been convicted of certain crimes, or has been the subject of certain restraining orders, all of which indicate that it is reasonably likely that the applicant has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to themselves or others. This bill also intends to strengthen current law by expanding gun-free zones, imposing more stringent training requirements, and establishing a more uniform licensing standard.

According to the CA Department of Justice, the *Bruen* decision has resulted in a substantial increase in applications for concealed carry weapon permits. This ultimately will result in more guns being carried within our communities. More guns in public lead to an increased risk of violence. SB 2 proposes to strike a balance between an individual's right to bear arms and society's right to remain safe in public spaces.

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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