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May 24, 2023 Senator Kelly Seyarto 1021 O Street, Suite 7120 Sacramento, CA 95814

Senate Bill 86 SUPPORT

Dear Senator Seyarto:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 86 (Seyarto).

SB 86 would require the statewide Victim Resource Center to provide an internet website for crime victims and victim service providers. It also requires the internet website to include a summary of victims' rights and resources. This information would include links to victim resources offered by the State and by each county, links or resources from public or private entities that the Center determines are relevant and appropriate, a summary of the California criminal justice process, information on obtaining restitution from the California Victims Compensation Board, and information on obtaining legal protections for victims and their families.

Crime victims often must deal with a significant amount of trauma in the aftermath of surviving a crime and navigating the legal system could be challenging. Survivors and their families should be provided with as many resources as possible to help them during that time. This bill will ensure that information is easier to access, providing clarity and some relief to those dealing with trauma associated with being the victim of a crime.

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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