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The Honorable Aisha Wahab
Senate Public Safety Committee, Chair
1020 N Street, Room 545
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**ASSEMBLY BILL 1972 (ALANIS)
SUPPORT
Senate Public Safety Committee
Hearing Date: June 11, 2024**

Dear Senator Wahab:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1972 (Alanis).

AB 1972 expands the regional property crimes tasks force within the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to include railroad police and cargo theft.

Cargo theft crimes not only affect businesses but can also create backlogs at ports causing major disruptions to California's supply chain. During the pandemic, railroad theft increased significantly.

By allowing the CHP to provide resources and assistance to railroad police agencies, AB 1972 would give law enforcement and prosecutors additional tools to protect rail lines and shipping routes from organized cargo theft.

For this reason, our Office is pleased to support AB 1972 (Alanis).

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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