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The Honorable Aisha Wahab
Senate Public Safety Committee, Chair
1020 N Street, Room 545
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**ASSEMBLY BILL 2215 (BRYAN)
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 2215 (Bryan).

AB 2215 provides that a peace officer may release a person arrested without a warrant from custody, instead of taking the person before a magistrate, by delivering or referring that person to a public health or social service organization that provides services including, but not limited to, housing, medical care, treatment for alcohol or substance use disorders, psychological counseling, or employment training and education, when no further proceedings are desired.

In 2017, our Office sponsored SB 238 (Hertzberg) which authorized a peace officer to release from custody, instead of taking the person before a magistrate, a person arrested without a warrant by delivering the person to a hospital or other urgent care facility, as specified if no further proceedings are desired.

AB 2215 is an expansion of SB 238 and will help keep low level offenders out of the criminal justice system when appropriate.

For this reason, our Office is pleased to support AB 2215 (Bryan).

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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