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The Honorable Aisha Wahab  
Senate Public Safety Committee, Chair  
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**ASSEMBLY BILL 2833 (McKINNOR)  
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 2833 (McKinnor).

AB 2833 provides that an individual's participation in and communications related to restorative justice processes are inadmissible in civil and criminal proceedings.

AB 2833 defines a "restorative justice process" as a facilitated, community-based process in which parties who have caused harm or who have been harmed and community members collectively gather to identify and repair harm to the extent possible. Restorative justice processes focus on accountability, hearing, and safety and on the harms, needs and obligations of all parties involved through a participatory process and may or may not include a dialogue between participants.

Unlike traditional criminal justice, restorative justice focuses on the accountability of the person who caused the harm, the needs of the wronged party, and the reintegration of both into society. Restorative processes seek to account for the needs of the person who caused the harm, the person or persons harmed, and the community, with the ultimate goal of repairing relationships and reducing recidivism. Through dialogue, the offending party can express accountability or remorse, and the victimized party may be able to speed the process of healing through understanding and restitution.

Restorative justice programs have proven to be effective tools for addressing conflict and harm within communities. However, the ability for participants to speak freely without fear of repercussion is essential for the success of these processes. Currently, the absence of clear legal protections leaves individuals hesitant to engage fully in restorative justice, undermining its potential for healing and restoration.

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AB 2833 aims to remedy this situation by establishing comprehensive protections for all restorative justice processes in California.

AB 2833 appears to have sufficient protections to ensure that those statements that need/should be admissible in a civil/criminal proceeding remain admissible.

For these reasons, our Office is pleased to support AB 2833 (McKinnor).

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gascón", written in a cursive style.

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cc: Assembly Member McKinnor  
Eric Csizmar, Senate Republican Caucus