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The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan California State Assembly 1020 N Street, Room 6320 Sacramento, CA 95814

ASSEMBLY BILL 1643 (BAUER-KAHAN) SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA) is pleased to suppoprt Assembly Bill 1643.

AB 1643 provides that a minor is not eligible for a program of informal supervision, except where the interests of justice would best be served and the court specifies on the record the reasons for its decision, if it appears that the minor has committed an offense in which victim restitution exceeds \$5,000, instead of \$1,000; and raises the amount which requires the probation officer to commence proceedings within 48 hours if the minor is alleged to have committed an offense in which victim restitution is owed, from exceeding \$1,000 to exceeding \$5,000.

Under current law, a number of circumstances render a minor presumptively ineligible for informal supervision, including where the petition alleges that the minor has committed an offense in which victim restitution exceeds \$1,000.

Current law also requires probation to refer certain types of cases to the prosecutor within 48 hours. These include cases in which it appears to the probation officer that the minor has committed an offense in which the restitution owed to the victim exceeds \$1,000.

These dollar limits were established in 1989 and have not been updated since they were established.

AB 1643 is a commonsense bill that recognizes and encourages informal supervision where appropriate because it produces better outcomes for the juveniles and does not harm public safety.

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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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