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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
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**ASSEMBLY BILL 2239 (MAIENSCHIN)
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office respectfully requests that you sign Assembly Bill 2239 (Maienschein).

AB 2239 would establish a 10-year firearm prohibition for individuals convicted of misdemeanor child abuse and elder and dependent adult abuse involving violence.

Misdemeanors that result in a 10-year firearm prohibition include the crimes of stalking, sexual battery, assault with a deadly weapon, battery with serious bodily injury, brandishing a firearm or deadly weapon, assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury, battery on a peace officer, and threats of bodily injury or death.

The inclusion of child abuse (Penal Code Section 273a) and elder abuse (Penal Code Section 368) is not only consistent with the existing list of misdemeanors that results in a 10-year firearm prohibition, but it fixes a glaring omission in existing law. Individuals who engage in this type of conduct are a greater danger to society and their victims when they possess a firearm.

For these reasons our Office respectfully requests you sign Assembly Bill 2239.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Special Assistant Daniel Felizzatto in my Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

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