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The Honorable Philip Ting
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ASSEMBLY BILL 2417 (TING)
SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2417.

California law provides for a Youth Bill of Rights that applies to juveniles incarcerated in DJJ; however, there is no similar provisions applicable to juveniles incarcerated in a local juvenile detention facility.

AB 2417 would expand the provisions of the Youth Bill of Rights and makes these provisions applicable to youth confined in any juvenile justice facility.

The State of California has mandated the closing of DJJ by the end of this year and that means that beginning next year all youth who are incarcerated in California will be held in county juvenile detention facilities. Consequently, once DJJ closes, the Youth Bill of Rights will no longer exist.

It would not be good public policy for the Youth Bill of Rights to become inoperative. For this reason our Office is pleased to support AB 2417.

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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