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The Honorable Tom Lackey
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**ASSEMBLY BILL 3083 (LACKEY)
SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Lackey:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 3083.

AB 3083 would require a court to conduct a search of available databases to determine whether a person subject to a proposed domestic violence restraining order (DVRO) owns a firearm.

Existing law requires, before a hearing on a protective order, that the court ensure a search of specified records and databases is conducted to determine if the subject of the proposed order, among other things, owns a firearm. (Fam. Code, § 6306, subd. (a).) While this requirement has been in place since 1993, it is not always implemented as envisioned by the Legislature. For example, a court is not required to request firearms ownership information from the DOJ and is only required to search all records and databases "readily available and reasonably accessible to the court," including several state, federal, and local databases, but not databases of firearms ownership.

Domestic violence abusers should not have firearms. When an abuser has access to a gun, it endangers the safety and lives of those around them. Every time firearm possession is overlooked when issuing a restraining order, there is a high risk of preventable domestic violence and gun-related death.

For this reason our Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 3083.

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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