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The Honorable Josh Lowenthal
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**ASSEMBLY BILL 725 (LOWENTHAL)
SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Lowenthal:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 725.

AB 725 includes firearm frames, receivers, and precursor parts within in the definition of a "firearm" for purposes of reporting a lost or stolen firearm and makes the failure to do so punishable as an infraction.

Federal law requires all guns manufactured in the United States and imported from abroad to have serial numbers, typically displayed on the back of the frame. By contrast, "ghost guns" are manufactured in parts which can be acquired without a background check and can easily be assembled by the purchaser. Ghost guns are designed to avoid regulation by being sold in DIY kits containing their component parts, which, individually, are unregulated, but when assembled form a fully functional firearm. These DIY kits generally included an uncompleted frame or receiver of a gun, or a "precursor part."

In 2022, California law was amended to provide that firearm precursor parts be treated as firearms for various purposes such as prohibitions on carrying a firearm in public. However, it did not include precursor parts, or completed frames or receivers, in the California statute that requires anyone who owns or possesses a firearm to report when that firearm has been lost or stolen.

AB 725 corrects this oversight. By punishing the failure to report the loss or theft of firearm frames, receivers, and precursor parts AB 725 will help to further the proliferation of ghost guns in California.

For this reason, our Office is pleased to support AB 725.

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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