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The Honorable Stephanie Nguyen  
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## **ASSEMBLY BILL 2727 (NGUYEN) SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Nguyen:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2727.

AB 2727 would provide that an inmate sentenced for a one-strike sex offense, as a habitual sex offender, for aggravated sexual assault of a child, or for sex offenses on a child 10 years of age or younger, is ineligible for elder parole until the person has reached 65 years of age and has served a minimum of 25 years of continuous incarceration for their current sentence. Current law allows these inmates to be eligible for elder parole at age 50 and 20 years of custody.

AB 2727 also closes a dangerous loophole by requiring all sex offenders — including those sentenced to life terms — to be screened under the Sexually Violent Predator Act for potential placement in a secure state hospital upon release. Previously, such sex offenders could be released in our communities directly on parole.

California's elder parole program was first authorized by the federal courts in 2014 as part of the response to the *Coleman/Plata* court case dealing with overcrowding in our state prisons. California's original elder parole program limited eligibility to inmates aged 60 or older sentenced to determinate or life with the possibility of parole sentences (Life Without the Possibility of Parole and Condemned inmates were ineligible). California chose to broaden the scope of the elder parole program when it made inmates aged 50 and older who have served 20 years in custody eligible for release.

Violent sex offenders and child sex predators should not be eligible for early release from prison under California's elder parole program. Under existing law, violent child sex predators have been granted parole under the elder parole program despite being

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sentenced to long prison sentences and being denied parole under California's general parole process. This is not right. Victims who endured unimaginable trauma from these heinous crimes are often caught off guard by these grants of elder parole.

AB 2727 takes a targeted approach to reforming our current elder parole program. This bill would raise the eligibility criteria for violent sex offenders and child sex predators before they can apply for release under the elder parole program. By requiring that indeterminate sentenced sex offenders be screened under the Sexually Violent Predator Act, AB 2727 ensures that all sex offenders sentenced to state prison are reviewed to determine if they should be civilly committed as sexually violent predators before being released from prison. These amendments to the elder parole program will improve public safety and ensure the safety of our communities.

For these reasons, our Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2727.

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

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Felizzatto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink pen.

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