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Senator Catherine Blakespear  
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**Senate Bill 1002**  
**SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Blakespear:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 1002 (Blakespear).

SB 1002 requires the relinquishment of firearms, ammunition and firearm magazines possessed by individuals subject to mental illness-related firearms prohibitions within 14 days of the court's order finding them subject to the prohibition and to submit a receipt to the court showing proof of relinquishment. It also requires courts to inform the person and their conservator of relinquishment procedures and the process for submitting proof of relinquishment. The bill further requires DOJ to inform individuals subject to a mental illness-related detention or "5150 hold" of applicable firearm prohibitions and authorizes the issuance of a search warrant when the property to be seized includes a firearm, ammunition or firearm magazine owned or possessed by a person subject to mental illness-related firearm prohibitions who has failed to relinquish the firearm, ammunition, or magazine.

People experiencing mental health crises may be confined involuntarily at a healthcare facility for 72 hours under section 5150 of the Welfare and Institution Code when they are a danger to themselves or others. This hold automatically prohibits the individual from having firearms for five years. However, there is no solid framework to ensure that people who have recently experienced a mental health crisis relinquish their firearms. Instead, these people often join a database (known as APPS) of nearly 24,000 people who are known to have firearms despite being prohibited from having them. Over 4,800 people remain armed despite mental health-related firearm prohibitions. SB 1002 aims to make communities safer by setting up a system that would increase the likelihood that an individual experiencing a mental health crisis complies with existing firearm prohibitions.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamar Tokat in our Legislative Office at 916-442-0668.

Very Truly Yours,

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