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## Senate Bill 1069 SUPPORT

Dear Senator Menjivar:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 1069 (Menjivar).

SB 1069 aims to protect incarcerated victims of sexual misconduct involving staff within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). To that end, the bill provides that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) shall have investigatory authority over all staff misconduct cases that involve sexual misconduct with an incarcerated person, and it authorizes the OIG to monitor and investigate a complaint that involves sexual misconduct with an incarcerated person.

Sexual misconduct against prisoners has been a serious problem for decades. In recent years, women's prisons such as the Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) and the California Institution for Women (CIW) have been the subject of numerous allegations of rampant sexual abuse of inmates by staff and suicides at those prisons.

SB 1069 aims to strengthen the investigation process for sexual abuse cases at CDCR and prevent further incidents from occurring.

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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