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**Senate Bill 1144
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 1144 (Skinner).

SB 1144 modifies existing statutory definitions of "online marketplace" and "high-volume third party seller" to apply to a broader range of buyers and sellers; imposes disclosure, reporting and corporate policy requirements on online marketplaces related to high-volume third party sellers; and authorizes district attorneys, county counsel and city attorneys to enforce existing laws related to online marketplaces.

In 2022, we supported SB 301(Skinner) which was enacted into law. That bill addressed the increasing use of online marketplaces as the mechanism to resell stolen goods. Current regulations require online marketplaces to ensure that high-volume third-party sellers are operating legally on their platforms. However, there are loopholes in online marketplaces that enable organized retail theft.

SB 1144 strengthens existing law by adding additional regulations on those high volume third party sellers that use online marketplaces to advertise goods, but who then collect the money from buyers in "offline" transactions, making it much more difficult to track stolen goods. Organized retail theft is a nationwide problem, and SB 1144 is an important step toward curbing that crime by making it more difficult for individuals to sell stolen goods online.

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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