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Senator Sydney Kamlager  
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**Senate Bill 1304  
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Kamlager:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 1304 (Kamlager).

This bill proposes to increase the allowance a person gets upon release from prison. Existing law sets that amount at \$200, and SB 1304 would increase that amount to \$1300. The amount of allowance paid to an individual released from prison, colloquially referred to as "gate money," has not changed since 1973.

Providing gate money to individuals released from prison is critical to the success of a rehabilitative prison system. It's important for the State to ensure that people in their care are not released into circumstances where they are unable to meet their basic needs. Increasing CDCR's financial allowance is especially important for women because according to the data from the Prison Policy Initiative, women experience much higher rates of unemployment and homelessness as compared to men who are released from prison.

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

Very Truly Yours,

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