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**Senate Bill 241
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Min:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 241 (Min).

Straw purchases and gun store thefts have contributed to California's illegal gun market. There are no federal laws or regulations that require gun dealers to train their employees on recognizing signs of illegal activity.

SB 241 aims to reduce the proliferation of guns in communities across California by requiring federally licensed gun dealers to undergo mandatory training overseen by the California Department of Justice to prevent theft, fraud, and illegal sales. Many other industries already require training to reduce harm to the public, and the firearm industry should be no exception. This training would enhance protections against illegal firearm purchases, such as straw purchases, and put in place responsible sales practices to ensure that every legal gun sale is thoroughly scrutinized by the person processing the transaction.

SB 241 would help prevent guns from being diverted into the criminal market and reduce the likelihood of straw purchases, thefts, and burglaries. Additionally, giving firearm dealers the tools to spot theft or fraudulent purchases could bolster the State's ability to prevent or reduce illegal firearm sales and gun trafficking that often lead to gun violence.

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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