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Senator Dave Min 1021 O Street, Suite 6710 Sacramento, CA 95814

Senate Bill 290 SUPPORT

Dear Senator Min:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 290 (Min).

Existing law requires state and local law enforcement agencies investigating an incident of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or elder abuse to provide, upon request and without charging a fee, one copy of all incident report face sheets and/or one copy of all incident reports related to these crimes to the victim or victim's representative.

SB 290 would expand existing law to require law enforcement, upon request, to also provide to a victim or victim's representative a copy of any accompanying or related photographs of a victim's injuries, property damage, or any other photographs noted in the incident report, as well as a copy of 911 recordings in the aforementioned crimes. The bill also extends the time limit to request this evidence from two years to within five years of the completion of the incident report.

Survivors of abuse already suffer from trauma related to the crime committed against them. Navigating the legal system could pose additional challenges, especially in situations where crime survivors are representing themselves during a civil restraining order process. As such, it would be helpful for these survivors to gain easier access to some of the evidence in their case.

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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