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Senator Nancy Skinner
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Senate Bill 301
SUPPORT

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 301 (Skinner).

Organized retail theft is on the rise, and it poses significant burdens on businesses and consumers alike. Individuals who commit these crimes often turn to the internet to sell the stolen goods anonymously. SB 301 intends to help combat this problem by requiring higher standards of verification and accountability for third-party sellers on online platforms and by helping online marketplaces identify and take action against sellers of stolen goods.

SB 301 would require all high-volume online sellers to provide verification information to the online marketplace, require annual certification of a seller's verification information, and prohibit a high-volume seller from engaging in sales without complying with the verification requirements. A violation of this bill's provisions would subject the person or entity to a civil penalty up to \$10,000 per violation, which may be assessed and recovered pursuant to a civil action brought by the Attorney General.

SB 301 is an important piece of legislation in the effort to curb organized retail crimes.

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

Very Truly Yours,


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