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Senator Susan Rubio
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**Senate Bill 376
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Rubio:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 376 (Rubio).

Under existing law, victims of sexual assault and domestic violence have the right to have a victim advocate and support person present during interviews conducted by law enforcement, prosecutors, and defense attorneys. SB 376 provides that a victim of human trafficking also has the right to have an advocate and a support person of the victim's choosing present at an interview with law enforcement, prosecutors, and defense attorneys.

SB 376 takes into account the trauma of victimization specific to human trafficking cases. These crimes impact thousands of individuals of all backgrounds and involve the use of force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain a person for the purpose of labor or sexual exploitation. Survivors of human trafficking often face similar challenges to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and may be fearful of reporting the crime. By allowing an advocate who can provide trauma-informed, survivor-centered, and culturally responsive support in human trafficking cases, SB 376 will increase the likelihood that human trafficking survivors will report these crimes and will access vital services, protections, and legal remedies.

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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