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Senator Monique Limón
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**Senate Bill 442
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Limón:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 442 (Limón).

Existing law defines misdemeanor sexual battery as the unwanted touching of the intimate body part of another. This definition omits the scenario where a perpetrator causes the victim, against their will, to touch the perpetrator's or another person's intimate body part. SB 442 would close this loophole in misdemeanor sexual battery cases by expanding PC 243.4 to include in the definition of sexual battery a person who, for purposes of sexual gratification or sexual abuse, causes another person, against their will, to masturbate or touch an intimate part of either those persons or a third person.

Crime survivors feel no less violated when their hands are forced to touch another person than when a person touches them against their will. SB 442 seeks to ensure that all individuals who commit sexual battery are held accountable.

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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