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Senator Nancy Skinner  
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**Senate Bill 899  
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 899 (Skinner).

SB 899 extends the existing firearm and ammunition relinquishment procedures that apply to civil domestic violence restraining orders (DVRO) to other specified protective orders such as gun violence, civil harassment, workplace violence, and elder abuse restraining orders, along with orders issued during the pendency of criminal proceedings and after specified convictions.

DVROs currently are the only civil firearm-prohibiting orders with specific relinquishment requirements, codified under SB 320 in 2022. Since that bill's enactment, courts have reported an increase in compliance with these orders. This bill would expand that framework to various other restraining orders so that whenever someone becomes prohibited from owning firearms, they will receive clear information and the necessary follow-up. Consistent requirements for informing prohibited persons about relinquishment procedures and compliance is critical for reducing risk and creating training and implementation efficiencies.

SB 899 will also reduce the number of persons being added to the Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS). People who purchase firearms legally at one time but are later prohibited and fail to relinquish their firearms are listed in APPS, a database which now has about 24,000 people. By implementing SB 320's procedures across various case types, CA will increase public safety by reducing the time between a court-ordered firearm prohibition and compliance.

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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