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July 11, 2002

Sent Via Fax & US Mail Service

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The Honorable Jon Kyl  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senators Feinstein and Kyl:

On behalf of the California District Attorneys Association (CDAА), I am pleased to inform you of our endorsement and support of Senate Joint Resolution 35 and House Joint Resolution 91, the Victims' Rights Amendment. CDAА invited Steve Twist to the Annual Conference in June. Mr. Twist addressed both the Victims' Rights Committee, who voted to support the Amendment, as well as the Roundtable held with the Elected District Attorneys in California.

The District Attorneys of California and the California District Attorneys Association have been in the forefront of advocating the rights and protections of crime victims in California. We have sponsored significant legislation and collaborated with other agencies and crime victims organizations to ensure that the victim's voice is heard in the criminal justice system. The California District Attorneys Association remains committed to fighting for the rights of crime victims and the Amendment gives those victims significant protection through the fundamental law of the country.

Senate Joint Resolution 35 and House Joint Resolution 91 protects the rights of victims without impeding the rights of the accused. While balancing meaningful and enforceable rights of a victim with those of the accused, the Amendment preserves the prosecutor's executive function in the administration of justice.

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We are pleased to join the many organizations and individuals who have pledged support for this very important and monumental legislation. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



Lawrence G. Brown  
Executive Director

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