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Dear Friends:

Each year, my office sponsors and supports legislation to improve California's criminal justice system and increase public safety.

For the second year in a row, every bill my office sponsored was signed into law by Governor Brown.

The one that has received the most attention creates a three-tier sex offender registry.

Violent, high-risk offenders will continue to register for life while low-risk offenders can be removed from the registry after 10 years, if they comply with all court orders.

The new system will allow law enforcement agencies to better supervise the offenders who pose the greatest risk to public safety.

Another bill addresses the sexual abuse of children under the age of 11.

This new law will help prevent vulnerable child witnesses from having to repeat their testimony in different jurisdictions, if the abuse continued across county lines.

The office also sponsored a bill that allows peace officers to directly transport individuals in a mental health crisis to treatment facilities or hospitals rather than jail.

Another new law will allow us to use therapy and facility dogs to offer emotional support to prosecution witnesses while they are testifying in court.

These bills demonstrate the significant contributions made by my office to improve the administration of justice throughout California and keep all of our residents safe from crime.

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