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The Honorable Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez
Member of the Assembly, 80th Assembly District
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
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Re: AB 1987 (Gonzalez) as Introduced on January 23, 2020
Position: Support

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez,

On behalf of the California Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, a non-profit organization with 660 members who are certified as family law specialists by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization, I write to support Assembly Bill 1987, as introduced. ACFLS takes no position, however, with respect to Section 1(a) of the Bill.

The text of AB 1987 seeks to amend Section 6320 of the Family Code and authorizes a court to issue an ex parte order enjoining a party from remotely controlling any connected devices affecting the home, vehicle, or property of, the other party. Remotely controlling connected devices in the home of the other party can be a way for a perpetrator of abuse to use modern technology to engage in domestic abuse against his or her victim, especially if the perpetrator of abuse is ordered to move out of the house. This Bill updates the domestic violence statute to address new methods of abusive conduct as society evolves technologically.

For these reasons, ACFLS supports AB 1987, as introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Levy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

AVI LEVY, CFLS
Legislative Director, ACFLS