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Senator Joan Huffman

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Senator Joan Huffman Files Senate Bill 740 to Prevent Counties from Defunding Their District and County Attorneys

AUSTIN — Today, Senator Joan Huffman filed Senate Bill 740 to prevent counties with a population of more than one million from defunding their District or County Attorneys. SB 740 was filed to bolster Senator Huffman's "Back the Blue Act" from the 87th Legislature, which requires the state's most populous counties to receive voter approval before cutting their law enforcement's budget. Failure to comply results in severe consequences for violating counties. When it comes to public safety, communities should have input to ensure that there are appropriate resources for local law enforcement.

"Prosecutors play an absolutely critical role in the criminal justice system as they are charged with obtaining justice for victims of crime," said Huffman. "Prosecutors with criminal jurisdiction should be treated no differently than law enforcement, and I hope that this bill delivers that message."

(Senator Joan Huffman represents District 17, which is comprised of Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda, and Wharton County and portions of Brazoria, Ft. Bend, Harris, and Waller County. Huffman currently serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting, as a senior member of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and the Legislative Budget Board.)

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