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July 27, 2017

To the family of Chester Bennington:

On behalf of the Orange County District Attorney's Office (OCDA), I would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the Bennington family. Chester was one of the pioneering supporters in OCDA's fight against human trafficking and exploitation.

For most of his life, Chester suffered as a victim of long-term sexual abuse. He turned his pain into music that eased the heartache of millions of people around the world. As you can see below, Chester had a passionate desire to help others through dark times. His poignant lyrics and emotional songs made those who felt alone not feel "invisible."

☆ Chester Bennington

July 30, 2014 at 10:06 PM

Re: Letter to Chester Bennington

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To: [REDACTED] Cc: Susan Kang Schroeder

Thank you for passing this along! I will be sure to bring this to the band ASAP. I am positive that we will be willing to work with the OCDA to do whatever we can to put an end to human trafficking in our communities. Thanks [REDACTED]!

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In his honor, and in honor of every victim of sexual abuse, the OCDA will continue in our fight to vigorously pursue justice. Our hearts and prayers are with the Bennington family during this tragic time.

Sincerely,

Tony Rackauckas
District Attorney