



May 6, 2009

Honorable Tom Ammiano, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2175
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 358 – Oppose

Dear Assemblymember Ammiano:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, sheriffs, deputy probation officers, law enforcement investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County – respectfully must oppose Assembly Bill 358.

We believe Assembly Bill 358 would change determinations made by District Attorneys and instead give the court the ability to substitute its own determination for that of the D.A. A defendant would be given the power to challenge the District Attorney and then request the court to immediately examine and overturn previous determinations made by the District Attorney.

Your measure does not argue the deficiency of the present system and does not conclude with an objective reason to change current law. For this reason we remain opposed to AB 358.

Very truly yours,

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