



June 18, 2009

Honorable Mark Leno, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety
State Capitol, Room 2031
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 358 – Oppose

Dear Senator Leno:

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 – opposes 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.

This 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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