



June 9, 2009

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

RE: AB 1487 – Support

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 of Riverside County - supports AB 1487.

Even those who are incarcerated need to share in the responsibility of what matters most – the gift of their health. Thus, in sickness, inmates pay for part of their medical visit if they are able. The outdated \$3.00 medical visit fee will be changed to \$6.00 under this measure. This is not a personal attack to stem health visits for inmates, but rather a need to bring all costs to light and to periodically review what the real costs are in today's economy.

Your measure also adds one more way to bring the medical needs and current conditions and practices in the jail system to our attention and to the legislature for study and review.

Very truly yours,


Pat McNamara
President


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cc: Assemblymember Gerald Hill
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