



June 24, 2009

Honorable Allen Lowenthal, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 286 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lowenthal:

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 – is pleased to support AB 286.

Currently counties have an option for a fee of \$1.00 and a service fee of \$2.00 added to the registration costs on all commercial motor vehicles. The fees are utilized to fund programs relating to vehicle theft crimes. As of January 1 next year, these fees will face a "sunset."

AB 286 extends the fee's provisions to January 1, 2018 when the program will again be reviewed by the Legislature. We support the inclusion of a year-end report to the State Controller which will account for the funds received and expended. In this era of transparency, the inclusion of additional information on county expenditures necessary to fund programs relating to vehicle theft crimes and some cases crimes involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both is an important feature.

Very truly yours,

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