



April 15, 2009

Honorable Ted Lieu, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 32 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Lieu:

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 - supports your bill, AB 32, which will enhance home address and telephone number privacy protection for public safety officials in California.

In 2004 the Public Safety Officials Home Protection Act Advisory Task Force filed a Legislative Report with specific recommendations. The report was agreed to by a diverse group of interested parties, including law enforcement officials, prosecutors, public defenders, judges, assessors, recorders, real estate agents, bankers, title companies and internet data vendors, and has brought about a number of privacy bills being passed, but recently we have been bombarded with an emphasis on so called "sunshine laws." However, what has not been told is the adverse story of the danger when information is so public and how in Los Angeles alone, two deputy sheriffs were killed outside their homes and there was at least one other case in Northern California in the past year. Investigators link easy access of personal information about public safety officials as a significant factor in calculating threat assessment to public safety officials. Passage of AB 32 is vital to ensure the safety of public safety officials and their families.

Very truly yours,

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