



July 6, 2009

Honorable Paul Cook, Member  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 458 - SUPPORT

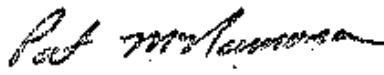
Dear Assemblymember Cook:

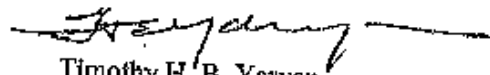
The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, sheriffs, deputy probation officers, law enforcement investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs -- the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County, is pleased to support AB 458. The preservation of an officer's confidentiality is a vital component of officer safety.

Allowing law enforcement agencies to tint the front side windows of plain vehicles used for official vehicles owned by peace officers undeniably increases officer safety and the effectiveness of covert operations. Without question, one of the most dangerous situations for any plain clothes officer is being identified without the knowledge that such identification has been made.

Fortunately, the issuance of citations by the California Highway Patrol has cast a light on this critical issue and necessitated this change in current law.

Very truly yours,

  
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