



April 16, 2009

Honorable Pedro Nava, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2148
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 61 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Nava:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, sheriffs, deputy probation officers, and law enforcement investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - is pleased to support your bill, AB 61.

Current law, related to juvenile crime which was enacted by the initiative process, provides that if a minor waives his or her right to a speedy hearing, the court may refer the case to the probation department and/or allows authorities to give deferred entry of judgment to juveniles even those who have committed a sex offense.

This measure will stop the process of sending juveniles straight to a probation office when they have committed egregious sex crimes such as rape, sodomy, lewd and lascivious acts with a child, and oral copulation. The bill adds additional sexual offenses for which a minor charged with the commission thereof would become ineligible for a deferred entry of judgment pursuant to these provisions.

While they may be minors, it is important to keep young criminals off the streets, before they can commit even more violent acts.

Very truly yours,

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