



July 16, 2009

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 714 – SIGN

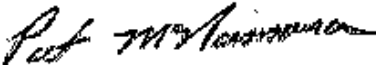
Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:


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 714.

AB 714 expands the definition of "metal knuckles" to include "composite knuckles" which can be defined to include the elements contained in the definition of hard plastic and hard wooden knuckles.

You don't read much or hear about composite knuckles as an element of today's crime scene, but they are readily available on the street or through the internet. Many young persons heading for a life of crime start by carrying these composite knuckles, which like composite knives can inflict deadly force and are not detected by metal detectors. The devices pose a threat to peace officers in our jails, juvenile camps, courts, as well as to the public at large. Their use in gang warfare in and around schools is known to be a real danger. Please consider signing this measure into law.

Very truly yours,


Pat McNamara
President


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