



June 22, 2009

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

RE: AB 83 - 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 of Riverside County - is pleased to support AB 83.

Recently, California's "Good Samaritan" law (Civil Code Section 1799.102) was interpreted by the California Supreme Court to apply only in "medical" emergencies. This narrow construction by the Supreme Court is likely to discourage Californians from coming to the aid of others in emergency situations for fear of a lawsuit.

AB 83 restores the broader understanding of the "Good Samaritan" law so that persons acting "in good faith" in non-medical emergencies have immunity for all but gross negligence or willful and wanton conduct.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President

Timothy H. B. Yaryan
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA
Assemblymember Mike Feuer
Aaron Maguire, Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor
Office of Planning and Research