



June 1, 2009

Honorable Ellen Corbett, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2187  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 83 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Corbett:

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,

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