



June 17, 2009

Honorable Rod Wright, Member
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2048
Sacramento, CA 95814


RE: SB 150 – Support

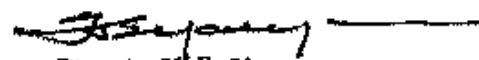
Dear Senator Wright:

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 – supports your bill, SB 150.

In 2007, the U. S. Supreme Court held, in *Cunningham v. California* (2007, 549 vs. 270), that California's determinate sentencing law violated a defendant's right to a jury trial. In 2008, SB 40 was passed which adopted the Supreme Court's directive to either give Judges the authority to impose a higher term without factual findings, or providing a jury trial on sentencing. Unfortunately, SB 40 neglected to apply this "sentencing fix" to sentence enhancements. SB 150 remedies this problem.

Very truly yours,


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