



April 22, 2009

Honorable Mark Leno, Member  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 678 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Leno:

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 678.

SB 678 is aimed at reducing crime in California's communities by focusing on the supervision and management of high risk felony offenders on probation. This measure establishes performance incentive funding as measured by reductions in felony probationers who recidivate or fail probation, thereby reducing the chances of a return to prison. SB 678 is a rational and effective approach to keeping our communities safer and reducing prison overcrowding, as 40% of new admissions to state prison are offenders who have failed felony probation.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Senate Committee on Public Safety  
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