



April 7, 2010

Honorable Mike Feuer, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1723 (Lieu) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Feuer:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, deputy probation officers, law enforcement investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - supports AB 1723 (Lieu).

Unfortunately, our justice system is being undermined all too often because witnesses or crime victims are being intimidated, or even murdered, in order to prevent them from testifying.

AB 1723 addresses this issue by allowing hearsay evidence to be admitted in any case where the moving party can establish that the other party engaged in conduct intended to procure the unavailability of the witness. AB 1723 parallels current federal law (Federal Rules of Evidence, Section 804) which permits the admission of hearsay in situations involving wrong doing.

Very truly yours,

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