



September 1, 2010

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

RE: AB 1723 (Lieu) – SIGN

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

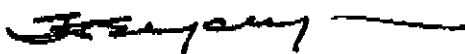
The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, deputy probation officers, law enforcement investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - supports AB 1723 (Lieu) and respectfully asks that it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

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 establishes a hearsay exception that parallels current federal law (Federal Rules of Evidence, Section 804) which permits the admission of hearsay in situations involving such wrong doing. Accordingly, we request you sign this legislation.

Very truly yours,

  
Pat McNamara  
President

  
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cc: RSA  
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