



June 22, 2010

Honorable Mark Leno, Chair
Senate Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 2031
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1800 - SUPPORT


Dear Senator Leno:

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 - is pleased to support AB 1800.

Under current law, individuals posing as landlords are only guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of no more than \$1000 and/or 6 months of jail time. *These crimes should be grand theft, but Penal Code 602.9 applies and the thief walks away, leaving a family homeless.* AB 1800 will enhance the current misdemeanor crime of posing as a landlord to felony grand theft. Renters and new homeowners should have a sense of security that the person handing over the keys is not an imposter.

Very truly yours,


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