



March 19, 2010

Honorable Fiona Ma, Member
Honorable Curt Hagman, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymembers Ma and Hagman:

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 your bill, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat McNamara".

Pat McNamara
President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Timothy H. B. Yaryan".

Timothy H. B. Yaryan
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: Consultants- Assembly Public Safety Committee
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