



August 31, 2010

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

AB 1800 - 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 1800 and asks that you sign it into law.

Under current law, an individual may pose as a landlord, deceive a renter or new homeowner and only be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of no more than \$1,000 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 to them is not an imposter.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this measure.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara  
President

Timothy H. B. Yaryan  
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA  
Assemblymember Fiona Ma  
Assemblymember Curt Hagman  
Aaron Maguire – Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor