



August 11, 2010

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

RE: AB 1813 – SIGN

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, representing over 3,200 deputy sheriffs, deputy probation officers, law enforcement investigators, counselors, coroners, and bailiffs in Riverside County, the entire law enforcement team, supports AB 1813 and asks that it be signed into law.

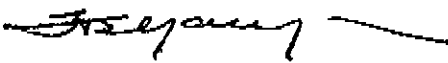
AB 1813 provides expanded privacy protection for current public safety officers, who face a security threat of access by smart cell phone applications of their private personal information. The expanded protection for eligible members and their families will provide Internet privacy protection for retired peace officers as well.

The safety of these officers and even public officials is often threatened with a rampage of revenge by inmates, and with the steady proliferation of internet sites offering personal information about these and other elected and appointed persons, it can now be used as a tool to find, attack, and even assassinate public officials. Not only police and sheriffs, but currently working and/or retired district attorneys, judges, public defenders and employees who have had direct contact with or who supervise inmates could well be targeted. The vendetta of intimidation, harassment and violence can be immediate through the involvement and use of outside gang members, or it can continue even after the officials retire so as to not automatically be suspect. Personal information threatens not only an officer or public official but innocent family members as well.

We are pleased to join with many public safety organizations in support of AB 1813. We hope you consider it worthy of becoming law in California.

Very truly yours,


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