



March 11, 2010

Honorable Jose Solorio, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2196
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2200 – SUPPORT


Dear Assemblymember Solorio:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents more than 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 2200.

AB 2200 is based on a re-entry approach that works – one badly needed by ex-offenders in a Northern California County where the “American Dream” for many is desperately trying to make it, one day at a time (mostly on their own) before something new and more criminally engaging occurs to them and the company they keep. Several years ago we wrote a similar letter in support of the Juvenile Justice Challenge Grant Program. That program enacted an innovative re-entry strategy for offenders between ages of 18 through 24 and did prove to be worthy of support. It was both academic and a job training program, based on stringent state and federal standards. AB 2200's program, too, offers an immediate (within 72 hours) definitive plan for rebuilding a young life with educational and employment opportunities that are necessary to effectively reduce recidivism. We believe in passage of this measure. Thank you for introducing it.

Very truly yours,


Pat McNamara
President


Timothy H. B. Yaryan
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: Consultants, Assembly Public Safety Committee
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