



June 22, 2010

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

RE: AB 2210 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Leno:

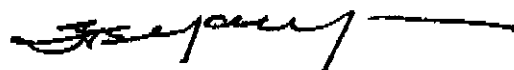
The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, deputy probation officers, law enforcement investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - is pleased to support AB 2210.

Existing law prohibits any person including a police officer or sheriff from intentionally eavesdropping or recording a confidential communication by means of any electronic recording device without consent of the involved parties. Normally officers make written application to a judge to authorize the interception of a wire, electronic pager, or electronic cellular telephone. Eavesdropping is not considered in the same way, since on its own, it is a crime. It is not a normal listening procedure like a wire tap, not without authorization from a judge. AB 2210 would make authorized eavesdropping a legal investigation procedure if a number of authorizing requirements are met.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,


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