



February 9, 2007

Honorable Jim Battin, Member
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3056
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCR 8 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Battin:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,800 rank and file Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Probation Officers, Deputy Corrections' Officers, District Attorney Investigators, and Deputy Coroners -- the entire law enforcement team in the County of Riverside -- is pleased to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 relative to child abuse.

We know from grim experience that child abuse and neglect affects children of all ages, races, and incomes. We have also learned that nearly 500,000 reports of child abuse are made to Child Protective Services each year, and that California has among the highest numbers of child abuse reports in the nation.

We are very pleased that April has been chosen as the time to emphasize how many children are vulnerable, often unable to speak for, or defend his or her self, and in need of our protection. Thank you for your introduction of this very important measure.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President

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