



April 20, 2007

Honorable Jose Solorio, Chair  
Assembly Public Safety Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2196  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1625 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Solorio:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,800 rank and file Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Probation Officers, Deputy Correctional Officers, District Attorney Investigators, and Deputy Coroners – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - is pleased to support AB 1625.

Gangs are thriving in our cities, gang violence is responsible for more and more crime, and no street appears safe from it. No longer the crime of large metropolitan areas, gangs are on the increase throughout California with new ones coming in from out of state.

We applaud the efforts of each law enforcement organization in our state that struggles to keep on top of the growth and ensuing violence of established and new gangs in their jurisdictions. We concur, however, that more help is needed. The establishment of a program, supported through increased federal funds, as well as state money and private grants, to coordinate a multi-jurisdictional task force to target high gang activity areas is appropriate and should be welcomed. Without the depth of a High Intensity Interstate Gang Activity Areas Task Force to target these areas of great gang activity, there will be no end in sight for drug trafficking, murder, robbery, assaults, carjacking, arson, kidnapping, extortion, and other nefarious criminal activities that gangs bring. We must return safety for the residents and the streets of many troubled communities.

Very truly yours,

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