



March 7, 2007

Honorable Audra Strickland, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4208
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 228 - Support

Dear Assemblymember Strickland:

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 228.

It is the goal of our county officers and officers from additional areas in the state who oversee the running of juvenile halls, camps, and ranches, to maintain as peaceful and calm an atmosphere as is feasibly possible. Given all the circumstances that propel these young offenders into the system, this is not an easy task, but being in an institution does not give offenders permission to compound and/or commit additional offenses without its being duly noted. Said battery committed, with or without the use of force, is an additional crime. Given the greater use of force by today's more violent youthful offenders, we believe there should definitely be increased penalties for those "in custody," who commit such actions. We support your efforts in this area.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President

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