



April 17, 2007

The Honorable John J. Benoit, Member  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4144  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 378**

On behalf of 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 - we are writing to express support for Assembly Bill 378, which succeeds AB 484, your elder abuse legislation from last session.

AB 378 provides greater protections for elder and dependent adults by making it a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or four years for a caretaker to commit a second or subsequent violation of any law prescribing theft or embezzlement with respect to the property of the elder or dependent adult, regardless of the value of the money, labor, or real or personal property taken.

If these individuals fall victim to financial abuse, they can lose everything. The goal of AB 378 is to help elder and dependent adults maintain and protect the assets they have spent a lifetime building.

RSA is pleased to offer its support for AB 378.

Very truly yours,

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President

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