



June 14, 2007

Honorable Gloria Romero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety
State Capitol, Room 2031
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 805 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Romero:

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 805.

Current law allows lawful possession of a concealed firearm by a peace officer who has honorably retired and who has been issued a concealed weapon identification certificate (CCW) by the retiring law enforcement agency, provided certain requirements have been met. The decision to possess a firearm by the retired officer is a personal one - he or she still may be of service to the community in a dangerous situation - but the choice also can be based on self protection. Some officers are threatened that when an inmate "gets out of the joint, the inmate plans to take out the officer and members of his family." Another situation has inmates continuing to operate (via outside gang members) from their prison cells. They can carry out a threat on an unarmed retiree. AB 805 will delete any public address information on the CCW or other files when the officer retires, thus allowing for him or her to be more secure at his or her retirement address.

Very truly yours,

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