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Honorable Fabian Nunez, Assembly Speaker
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Don Perata, President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Speaker Nunez and Senator Perata:

Recently, Senator Gloria Romero alleged that police unions were using "threatening" and "bullying" tactics in opposition to her bill, SB 1019. Senator Romero had distributed to Senate members an e-mail from POPA President John Stites linking passage of this bill with term limits.

While we understand, and even agree with Mr. Stites' passionate opposition to this bill, our organization has not considered the term limits initiative. Moreover, this measure, when it is considered by this union, will be considered on its own merits, independent of any legislation.

It is unfortunate that an internal e-mail from Mr. Stites became the impetus for Senate passage of SB 1019, and that all of law enforcement was unfairly characterized.

We trust that this communication will "clear the air" and allow debate to focus on the merits of SB 1019, not on irrelevant matters.

Please feel free to share this with any member of your caucus.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara,
President

cc: Tim Yaryan, Legislative Advocate