



February 13, 2007

Honorable Kevin Jeffries, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5128
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 219 - OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Jeffries:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,800 rank and file Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Probation Officers, Deputy Corrections Officers, District Attorney Investigators, and Deputy Coroners - the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - regrettably must oppose your bill, AB 219.

In its current form, AB 219 would discontinue the pension portion of a disability retirement allowance received by a member of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) who is 59 years old or younger if he or she refuses to submit to medical examination. If the injured member does not withdraw his or her refusal after one year, this bill would enable his or her disability retirement allowance to be canceled.

We oppose this measure and respectfully request that the bill be amended to include, more appropriately, the application of the bill's provisions to a member's retirement age.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President

Timothy H. B. Yaryan
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA