



June 27, 2003

Honorable Bruce McPherson, Chair
Senate Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 2031
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1315 (Parra) –SUPPORT

Dear Senator McPherson:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,000 rank and file Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Probation Officers, District Attorney Investigators, and Deputy Coroners – the entire law enforcement team of the County of Riverside - supports AB 1315.

Existing law does make requirements on juveniles adjudicated of specified offenses, including a requirement not to possess firearms until the age of 30.

This measure specifically expands the scope of existing legislation, tightening the law relating to possession of a firearm, terms of punishment for specified offenses, allows the juvenile court to retain jurisdiction over minors until the age of 25 for the commission of certain offenses and other provisions. In view of the serious juvenile crimes that are being committed daily with loaded firearms, we believe in greater uniformity of consequences for these juvenile offender's actions as delineated in this legislation.

Very truly yours,

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