



April 21, 2003

Honorable Fabian Nunez, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2117
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 25 – Oppose

Dear Assemblymember Nunez:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,000 rank and file Deputy Sheriffs, Probation Officers, District Attorney Investigators, and Deputy Coroners – the entire law enforcement team of the County of Riverside – respectfully must oppose your bill, AB 25.

AB 25, recognizing an overwhelming thrust by thousands to obtain identity for use in California, requires state agencies (including law enforcement) to accept a personal identification card issued by a foreign nation.

Law enforcement officers see thousands of *false identification* cards circulating in the criminal world each year. People who are *lawfully* in this country have every right to obtain a lawful California identification, since the individual's presence in the United States has been granted through federal authority. However, be it state or local law enforcement, agencies' maintaining ongoing good police work have no business only relying on or putting *another country's I. D. into place when determining whom we are dealing with in a stop or investigation detention here in California.*

While we understand and appreciate your intent, we think AB 25 is poor public safety policy.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President
cc: RSA

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