



March 6, 2003

Honorable Sarah Reyes, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 301 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Reyes:

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 in the County of Riverside - is pleased to support your bill, AB 301.

AB 301 prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle which is equipped with a video screen or monitor designed to receive a television signal if the screen or monitor is located at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat. Common sense dictates that watching a television and driving a vehicle simultaneously is a recipe for disaster. The bill exempts screens used for driver information, global positioning or mapping information.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President

Timothy H. B. Yaryan
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA
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Consultants, Assembly Transportation Committee