

July 28, 2003

Honorable Gray Davis, Governor  
State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814


RE: AB 301 (Reyes) – SIGN

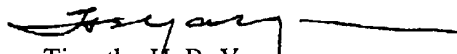
Dear Governor Davis:

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 in the County of Riverside – supports AB 301, and asks that this measure be signed into law.

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. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.

Very truly yours,

  
Pat McNamara  
President

  
Timothy H. B. Yaryan  
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA  
Assembly Member Sarah Reyes