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June 12, 2003

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

RE: AB 352 – SUPPORT


Dear Senator McPherson:

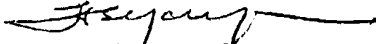
The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,000 rank and file Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Probation Officers, District Attorney Investigators, and Deputy Coroners – the entire law enforcement team of the County of Riverside - is pleased to support AB 352.

Last year's domestic violence legislation, AB 2030, allowed a victim of domestic assault to have a protective/restraining order or injunction served by the victim on the aggressor at no charge to the victim. Billing for this service of process is submitted by the Sheriff, Marshal or Constable to the Superior Court, and due to the aggressive stance against domestic violence taken by law enforcement, billing costs have risen. There is worry that the Court may not be able to continue to pay for such services by Sheriffs.

AB 352 resolves this problem by allowing the Court to add an additional \$250 fee to be paid by the defendant, in such domestic violence cases as a term of probation, with \$50.00 of that total amount used to continue the provisions of services at no cost to victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault.

Very truly yours,


Pat McNamara
President


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