



June 4, 2003

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

RE: AB 522 – OPPOSE

Dear Senator McPherson:


The Riverside Sheriff's 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 – opposes AB 522.

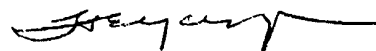
AB 522 requires local peace officers to accept a personal identification card (Matricula Consular) issued by the Mexican Consulate.

Law enforcement sees thousands of false identification cards each year that are circulated in the criminal world. People who are lawfully in this country have every right to obtain a lawful California identification. We have no business using another country's I.D. to try to determine whom we are dealing with in a stop or investigation detention.

While we understand and appreciate your intent, we think AB 522 is poor public safety policy.

Very truly yours,

  
Pat McNamara  
President

  
Timothy H. B. Yaryan  
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA