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April 4, 2003

Honorable Ken Maddox, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4167
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 696 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Maddox:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,000 Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Probation Officers, District Attorney Investigators, and Deputy Coroners, – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - is pleased to support your bill, AB 696.

AB 696 requires testing and training for those probation officers who carry firearms. It establishes additional training beyond the basic POST firearms training and psychological testing for probation officers who are authorized to carry firearms in their employment. We think this additional training, parallel to the training of other peace officers, makes good sense and policy.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President

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Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA