



April 14, 2003

Honorable Russ Bogh, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3098
Sacramento, CA 95814

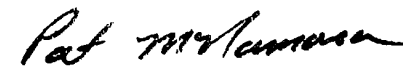
RE: AB 87 - SUPPORT

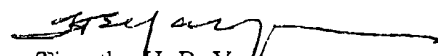
Dear Assembly Member Bogh:

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 - is pleased to support AB 87 in establishing the Workers' Compensation for Disaster Service Workers Fund.

Funds necessary to make workers' compensation payments to disaster service workers are currently appropriated on a yearly basis in the budget. AB 87 will make certain that the continuing appropriation is in place so that disaster service workers will continue to receive their workers' compensation payments whether or not the State Budget is passed on time. Disaster workers are volunteers, and accordingly, the state assumes liability for these workers if they are injured while performing their volunteer duties. Given our international situation and security needs, California should plan to keep this payment system in place.

Very truly yours,


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