



"SERVING OUR MEMBERS FROM EAST TO WEST"

April 3, 2003

Honorable Dede Alpert, Member  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5050  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 496 – Support

Dear Senator Alpert:

The Riverside Sheriffs' 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 Riverside County - is pleased to support SB 496.

We believe this bill is needed in order to cover any loophole in the present law that would overlook the situation wherein any person with custody or caring for any child causes or permits said child to inhale, absorb, or otherwise ingest any amount of cocaine, GHB, heroin methamphetamine or PCP or permits that child to be placed in a situation where methamphetamine is manufactured or sold. The offender is deemed guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in state prison for two, four or six years

We are pleased to support you in any way regarding legislation that is essential to the health and welfare of these children and remove them from harm's way.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara  
President

Timothy H. B. Yaryan  
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA