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April 17, 2003

Honorable Joseph Dunn, Member
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814


RE: SB 514 – SUPPORT

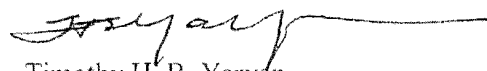
Dear Senator Dunn:

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 your bill, SB 514.

This bill refines the definition of that pattern of activity which constitutes criminal gang activity. Section 186.22 of the Penal Code presently provides that offenses have occurred within three years of a prior offense and the offenses *were committed on separate occasions or by two or more persons*. New language removes the word "or" and replaces it to read that the offenses were committed on separate occasions *and* by two or more persons.

Very truly yours,


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