



March 13, 2017

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Member of the Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Lara:

The Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, the Association of Deputy District Attorneys, the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Riverside Sheriffs Association, the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers, the California College and University Police Chiefs Association, the California Narcotic Officers Association, and the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association are all in favor of Senate Bill 695. This measure will establish a three tier registration system for sex offenders; allowing law enforcement and the public to focus resources and attention on the most serious, high risk individuals.

Under the Sex Offender Registration Act, all sex offenders must register for life regardless of the seriousness of the underlying crime. Under current law, the sentencing court may not relieve the defendant of the lifetime registration requirement. The only way to eliminate the registration is to obtain a certificate of rehabilitation but that option is not available for all offenses.

Currently, approximately 2/3 of the funding to supervise registered sex offenders is being spent on registration paperwork rather than field supervision. This bill would divide registrants into three tiers based on the seriousness of the crime. Tier One would require 10 years, Tier Two a minimum of 20 years, and Tier Three would maintain the lifetime registration.

SB 695 would maximize local resources and provide law enforcement with the ability to monitor and supervise the highest risk violent offenders.

We thank you for introducing this important bill.

Sincerely,

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