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The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 140—Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of California Statewide Law Enforcement Association and our 7,000 public safety professionals, we respectfully request your signature on SB 140 (Senators Leno and Steinberg) which would provide additional funding for the Department of Justice's Armed Prohibitive Persons System (APPS).

The APPS is designed to insure that persons who are prohibited from owning guns due to such factors as felony convictions or their mental health condition are not in the possession of such weapons. As a result of the program being significantly underfunded, a large backlog of such persons exists. SB 140 would provide \$24 million over three years to allow special agents of the Department of Justice to eliminate that backlog. In addition, it requires the Department of Justice to document periodically its progress and report such to the Legislature.

We urge your signature for this important measure. If there is any way in which we may be of further assistance, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Alan Wayne Barcelona
Special Agent, DOJ
President, CSLEA

CC: The Honorable Kamala Harris, Attorney General
Senator Leno
Senate President Pro Tempore Steinberg
Mr. Gareth Elliott, Legislative Secretary to Governor Brown