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The Honorable Kevin de Leon, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1035: SUPPORT

Dear Chair de Leon:

On behalf of California Statewide Law Enforcement Association and our 7,000 public safety professionals, we are pleased to support Assembly Bill 1035 (Speaker Perez) which extends the statute of limitations on workers' compensation death benefit claims for peace officers and firefighters for deaths resulting from specified causes for which compensability is presumed. This extension, which is to 420 weeks from the date of injury, but no more than one year after death, sunsets on January 1, 2019 under this measure.

Many of our peace officer and firefighter members routinely have contact with chemicals in the performance of their duties. CSLEA has had several members pass away due to cancer that was a result of carcinogens they came in contact with while performing their duties for the state. This bill simply allows a greater timeframe to file claims that are rightfully due to the families of fallen peace officers and firefighters.

We urge your support for this 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: Speaker Perez

Mr. Mark McKenzie, Staff Director, Senate Appropriations Committee
Mr. Seren Taylor, Director, Senate Republican Fiscal Office