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The Honorable Tom Ammiano
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814
Re: Assembly Bill 47: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Ammiano:

On behalf of California Statewide Law Enforcement Association and our 7,000 public safety professionals, we support Assembly Bill 47 (Assembly Member Gatto) which would make it a crime to use the 911 system for the purpose of annoying or harassing another person if emergency responders are actually dispatched.

Public safety dispatchers within the California Highway Patrol, who are our members, answer millions of emergency 911 calls each year. These jobs are extremely stressful, and individual emergencies can result in an overwhelming number of calls to the system. The state should take every reasonable action to eliminate non-emergency calls and abuses of the 911 system. AB 47 deals with the recent phenomena of people abusing the system by calling for law enforcement or emergency medical resources to addresses where no emergency exists.

We request your "aye" vote on this measure.

Sincerely,

Alan Wayne Barcelona
Special Agent, DOJ
President, CSLEA

CC: Assembly Member Gatto
Mr. Greg Pagan, Chief Counsel, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Mr. Gary Olson, Assembly Republican Caucus