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The Honorable Tom Ammiano
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 576: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Ammiano:

On behalf of California Statewide Law Enforcement Association and our 7,000 public safety professionals, we strongly support AB 576 (Assembly Member V. Manuel Perez) which would create a multi-agency partnership to tackle the problem of the underground economy.

By allowing specified agencies to share information, AB 576 should result in a much more coordinated approach to addressing this problem. Activity within the underground economy undermines California's tax base, and often unfairly competes with businesses that are operating in a regulated manner in compliance with California law.

No single action is going to "fix" the underground economy problem. Nevertheless, AB 576 can contribute to the solution. Therefore, we urge you 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: Assembly Member V. Manuel Perez
Mr. Gregory Pagan, Chief Counsel, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Mr. Gary Olson, Assembly republican caucus