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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier  
Senator, 7<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1258: SUPPORT

Dear Senator DeSaulnier:

On behalf of California Statewide Law Enforcement Association and our 7,000 public safety professionals, we are pleased to support your SB 1258 which would, among other things, allow additional investigators working for the various licensing entities at the Department of Consumer Affairs to apply to use the CURES data base when investigating allegations involving substance abuse by applicants or licensees.

Under current law, peace officers conducting such investigations may apply to the Department of Justice to access the CURES data base. However, a non-peace officer investigator may not request such access. It is important to note that SB 1258 does not grant access to the information in the CURES database. Rather, it simply allows such investigators to apply to the Department of Justice for access.

In our view, it makes no sense to deny an investigator the ability to request access to relevant information in the state's possession when conducting an investigation on the state's behalf.

We are pleased to support 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