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**Via First Class and Electronic Mail**

Vito Imbasciani  
Secretary  
California Department of Veterans Affairs  
1227 O Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Imbasciani:

As president of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), and on behalf of our nearly 7,000 public safety professional members, I extend my deepest sympathy for the loss of precious lives at Yountville Veterans Home. No one should show up for work to perform his or her duties and, as a result of senseless violence, never return home. This was a tragic event in which your respected residents and staff will need much time to process and, it is my hope, recover from. This includes our valued members who work daily as your public safety officers at Yountville.

CSLEA is focused on supporting our members at Yountville Veterans Home. We know that our public safety officers are vital in creating a safe and therapeutic environment for our country's great and honored veterans. Additionally, our public safety officer-members take great pride in also protecting your staff and visitors.

I am formally reaching out to you to set a meeting time so we can discuss a path forward to improved safety and security at Yountville Veterans Home. CSLEA would like to discuss the public safety officer classification (current actual classification of Firefighter/Security Officer) and safety equipment concerns; and work collaboratively with your department on improving overall public safety at Yountville Veterans Home.

Please contact me with a few available dates and times you and your team are available. Thank you for your time, and again, I am deeply sorry for the pain and suffering that so many are now experiencing as a result of the horrific, March 9th attack at Yountville.

Sincerely,

Alan Barcelona, President  
California Statewide Law Enforcement Assn.  
Fraternal Order of Police CA Lodge #77

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