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Assembly Member Isaac G. Bryan
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Bryan,

On behalf of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), we remain opposed Assembly Bill 1489.

While we appreciate the amendment providing an exception for undercover officers, AB 1489 continues to impose a zero-tolerance alcohol policy for all officers carrying a firearm while off duty.

This rigid policy fails to recognize the unique nature of law enforcement work and the public expectation that peace officers remain ready to respond—even when off duty. In 2018, AB 1749 (Daly) was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown, affirming that officers injured while protecting the public—even while off duty—should be eligible for workers' compensation. That bill arose in response to the heroic actions of off-duty officers who rushed to aid victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting. Several of those officers were shot and wounded while selflessly intervening to save lives. These examples underscore a simple truth: peace officers are never truly off duty.

By discouraging officers from carrying their firearm off duty, AB 1489 could limit their ability to intervene during critical moments—potentially compromising public safety.

Departmental policies and existing laws already hold officers accountable and allow agencies to address inappropriate behavior without imposing an overly broad, zero tolerance policy that interferes with responsible, lawful off-duty conduct. For these reasons, we must respectfully continue to oppose AB 1489.

Sincerely,

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