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The Honorable Juan Alanis  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 4230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## RE: Support for AB 284 – RIPA Data Reform

Dear Assemblymember Alanis,

On behalf of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), representing over 7,000 public safety professionals, I write in strong support of AB 284.

Law enforcement fully supports eliminating bias in policing and has embraced accountability reforms. However, the current implementation of RIPA is missing the mark. The process has become overly burdensome, costly, and frequently produces misleading conclusions.

Reporting requirements for **non-discretionary stops**, such as calls for service or in-progress crimes, distort the data and inflate administrative costs without improving our understanding of biased policing. Further, the lack of **independent academic review** and the use of flawed population comparisons—often failing to account for commuters or non-residents—undermine the credibility of the analysis.

AB 284 addresses these challenges with common-sense reforms: removing non-discretionary stop reporting, requiring peer-reviewed analysis, allowing dissenting RIPA Board opinions, improving population comparison methods, and rebalancing the Board to include greater law enforcement representation.

We appreciate your leadership in advancing a more accurate, transparent, and fair process.

Sincerely,

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President, CSLEA