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March 24, 2025

The Honorable Thomas Umberg
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6710
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 758 (Umberg) – Jury Selection: Peremptory Challenges

Dear Senator Umberg,

On behalf of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), which represents over 7,000 public safety professionals, I write in strong support of SB 758.

SB 758 makes a necessary and balanced correction to current law by allowing peremptory challenges to be used in cases where a law enforcement officer is either the defendant or the victim, and a prospective juror expresses explicit bias or distrust toward law enforcement.

Ensuring a fair trial for peace officers requires that these types of biases not be immune from scrutiny. Your bill preserves fairness in jury selection while respecting the intent of broader reforms to eliminate discrimination.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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President, CSLEA