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Re: AB 2002 (SANCHEZ) VEHICLES: PUBLIC SAFETY: BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM.

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the San Diego County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, we support Assembly Bill 2002 (AB 2002), which would require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to create a Blue Envelope Program to serve as a communication tool to better facilitate interactions between law enforcement and individuals with disabilities.

This volunteer program would allow participants to request from the DMV a blue envelope that could hold their license and registration and contain information that would inform law enforcement personnel that the presenting individual may require reasonable communication needs and/or accommodations.

Deputies frequently interact with members of the public during traffic stops and calls for service. When interactions involve a person with a disability or communication-related need, being aware of those needs can help the responding deputy provide the best engagement possible.

In September 2023, the San Diego County Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association became an official partner of the Blue Envelope Program when it was launched throughout the region.

The Deputy Sheriffs' Association supports this bill as it will give law enforcement agencies the training resources and allow distribution of Blue Envelope Program resources throughout the communities, creating inclusive awareness and safer interactions with law enforcement.

Michael O'Deane, President
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