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Senator Brian W. Jones  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Jones:

As you consider the two leading legislative proposals to establish uniform standards for the use of law enforcement K-9's, we want to make you aware that the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County supports AB 3241, and opposes 2042, and explain our reasons for these positions.

We oppose AB 2042 because it seeks to limit the use of K-9's to situations where there is an "immediate threat of death or serious injury" -- in fact, the bill would apply the save use of force standards that apply to the use of a firearm by a peace officer to using a K-9.

The proponents of AB 2042 are missing the whole point of law enforcement K-9's!

K-9's **prevent** live threatening situations from developing. K-9's are an extremely effective tool, assisting officers to de-escalate situations that might otherwise require the use of lethal force.

AB 3241 also provides uniform standards, and relies on law enforcement professionals at POST to set those standards, but it offers a responsible approach that does not seek to change the use of force standards for law enforcement K-9's.

In our view, limiting the use of K-9's in law enforcement will result in more circumstances where lethal force must be utilized. For this reason, we urge you to oppose AB 2042 and support AB 3241.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Deane  
President