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Senator Brian W. Jones
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Jones:

The Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County strongly supports the "Sexually Violent Predator Accountability, Fairness, and Enforcement Act" (SAFE Act), SB 1074.

The state's sexually violent predator release program is broken. Communities are up in arms as a result of the secretive process that provides them with little to no information, and even less of a say in the process.

Your legislation, the SAFE Act, is designed to protect our neighborhoods and families from dangerous sexually violent predators, perpetrators of some of the most horrendous and violent sex crimes. Specifically, SB 1074 would:

- 1) Make public safety the highest criterion of any potential placement of an SVP; and
- 2) Require the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) to take ownership in the placement process by approving any placements BEFORE the vendor can sign any leases for placement locations.

We are thankful that you have provided the leadership to address these problems and to put the protection of our communities first.

Sincerely,

MIKE O'DEANE
President