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April 28, 2014

The Honorable Mike Gatto
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2387 (PAN) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gatto:

The Office of the District Attorney of San Diego County supports Assembly Bill 2387. This proposal is sponsored by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and seeks to remedy a serious training issue regarding contracting authority. AB 2387 amends Government Code Section 19132 and Penal Code Section 13503, to exempt the Commission from the provisions of the Government Code Section 19132, as it relates to the use of personal service contracts to provide training and other services to law enforcement.

Our office has over 100 sworn peace officers who serve as District Attorney Investigators (DAI) in our Bureau of Investigation. All of our DAIs are POST certified. We depend on POST to provide crucial training. We depend on POST to provide quality instructors. However, without the passage of AB 2387, POST's ability to contract with quality instructors, who provide top notch training, will be in jeopardy.

POST is a small agency of the Department of Justice with 130 employees. For nearly two decades, POST has contracted with public entities to deliver its legacy courses. Legacy courses are those where POST, has developed the content and maintains oversight to ensure that the highest quality of training delivery takes place. These courses include: the Supervisory Course, the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute Course, the Command College, the Management Course, and the Executive Development Course. It also includes courses involving simulator training [e.g., Law Enforcement Driving Simulator (LEDS), and the Force Option Simulator (FOS)] which are presented through 24 regional skills training centers. Other legacy courses include: the Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation and the Instructor Development Institute Program.

These are high-cost courses that most law enforcement agencies cannot afford to send their officers to without POST's subvention. That subvention occurs through coverage of tuition, travel, and per diem. This means that POST contracts for the services required to present these courses. To deliver these courses, POST uses a combination of contracts with public entities and personal services.

Many of the presenters used by POST provide an array of law enforcement training courses. To do so, the public entities employ instructors with technical expertise related to the topics within these courses. In many instances these individuals are active or retired peace officers with special expertise and specific instructor qualifications. They are in essence, adjunct faculty of the contract presenters. Only a limited number of state employees meet the POST instructor qualifications to present training in the legacy courses.

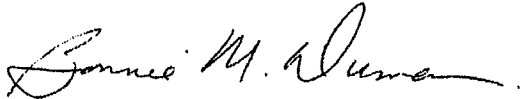
POST's ability to deliver critical training needed by our law enforcement community will be seriously affected if AB 2387 is not passed. Government Code section 19132 will ultimately eliminate the use of personal services contracts as an effective means of providing law enforcement instruction without specific authorization from the Department of General Services Review by State Bargaining Units. It will also prevent POST from using its funds to contract for the delivery of training unless the Department of General Services authorized the use for specified purposes.

Without an exemption or waiver of the provisions of Government Code 19132, POST will face significant challenges in its efforts to provide training critically needed by the law enforcement community.

We respectfully urge you to **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 2387.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Legislative Director, Gail Stewart at (619) 895-0327.

Respectfully,



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June 17, 2014

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State Capitol, Room 2206
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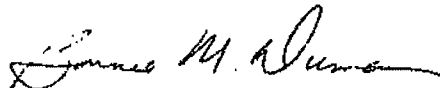
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