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Mr. Bunch,

I am writing you as the President of the CA Dept of Justice, Association of Special Agents. We are in support of Amending Commission Regulation 1005(a) minimum standards for training for District Attorney Investigators. The Special Agents for CA DOJ have a mixture of agents with Basic POST and Specialized POST Certificates. The minimum standards for CA DOJ Special Agent includes the Specialized POST Certificates for entry into the classification. We feel changing the minimum standards for training for DA Investigators to include Specialized POST Certificates in no way lowers the standards for this classification. The change will allow CA DOJ Special Agents to apply for DA Investigator positions and will only increase the status and knowledge base of this classification.

The CA DOJ Special Agents carry out some of the most complexed investigation in the State. We also have a unit that does essentially the same duties as DA Investigators but for the Deputy Attorney General (DAG's).

Below is a short list of the type of investigations CA DOJ Special Agents conduct:

- Officer involved Shooting
- Wire Tape, which include Transnational Gang, homicide, firearms and drugs
- Armed and Prohibited Person firearms investigations
- Firearms Trafficking and Gun Show
- Human Trafficking
- White Collar Crime
- Gambling and Indian Casino
- Fraud – Underground Economy
- Medi-Cal fraud and Elder abuse

This is just a short list of the work Special Agents with CA DOJ conduct. As you see allowing Special Agents for DOJ with Specialized POST Certificates to apply for DA investigator position would not low the standards or the status of this classification. In my opinion it will only raise it. In the last several POST Board Meetings when this topic has come up several District Attorneys have spoken up stated how they would like to be able to hire CA DOJ Special Agents.

The CA DOJ has hundreds of well training and well qualified Agents and a lot of them look to move into the DA's Investigators Office once they leave State service. Allowing Special Agents apply for DA Investigator position will be very beneficial to the local DA's how now will be able to take advantage of the highly trained Agents from CA DOJ. Also, other State agencies have some very highly trained investigator with a lot of experience and they too would be very good candidates for DA Investigators positions. This change will be very helpful in areas where the DA's Office is having a hard time finding qualified investigator to fill vacant positons.

Adding the Special POST to the minimum standards for DA Investigator will add more well qualified candidates to the hiring pool. With most agencies having issues with filling vacant positions adding more qualified candidates to the hiring process is more important than ever.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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