



March 31, 2022

CA Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training  
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***RE: Opposition to the Addition of Document to the Rulemaking file Amending  
Commission Regulation 1005(a) Minimum Standards for Training.***

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The following points outline our opposition to the proposed amendment:

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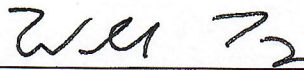
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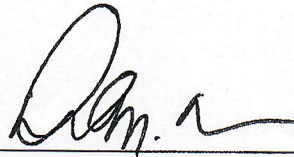
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