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Dear Law Enforcement Professional:

The 2009 Legislative session was one of the most challenging sessions in California history. Budgetary issues, all daunting, were compounded by efforts to reduce prison populations as a means of balancing the budget. The California Peace Officers' Association was very much in the mix, defending the interests of public safety.

CPOA was deeply involved in budget negotiations and played a pivotal role in assuring that grants to local law enforcement – COPS, rural sheriffs, booking fee solution, as well as meth enforcement and sexual predator monitoring programs – were preserved in the budget. In addition, CPOA led the efforts that resulted in the restoration of all 51 Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement task forces as well as full funding for the state's forensic crime labs. In the conventional wisdom of the capitol, winning restoration of these two essential law enforcement programs was viewed as an upset, and CPOA made that happen.

We were also successful in defeating legislation that would have legalized marijuana, legislation that would have permitted some special circumstance murderers to lower their sentences, as well as legislation that would have undermined the gang injunction process.

We are extremely grateful to our allies in the law enforcement family -- the California Highway Patrol, the California District Attorneys Association, the California Police Chiefs Association, the California State Sheriffs Association, Attorney General Jerry Brown and his fine staff, the California Narcotic Officers Association, the San Bernardino County Sheriff, the Los Angeles County Sheriff, the Sacramento County Sheriff, the San Diego County Sheriff, the San Diego County District Attorney, the Los Angeles County District Attorney, the Peace Officers Research Association of California, the California Correctional Supervisors Organization, the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, the California Reserve Peace Officers Association, the Long Beach Police Officers Association, the Santa Ana Police Officers Association, the California Fraternal Order of Police, the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association, the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association, the Riverside Sheriffs' Association, the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Chief Probation Officers of California and the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers.

In the coming year, we at CPOA will continue to be extremely active in advancing the interests of the law enforcement profession and in securing the safety of the communities we are all sworn to protect.

Sincerely,

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