



CALIFORNIA RESERVE PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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“The Safety for All” Newsom Ballot Measure Committee
c/o Thomas A. Willis
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Re: OPPOSITION to “Safety for All” Act 2016 Ballot Initiative

Dear Mr. Willis:

CRPOA was founded in 1974 to raise the professional, educational and employment standards of reserve peace officers. Engaging with officers, associations, agencies, the POST Commission and the Legislature, CRPOA has been actively working since inception on behalf of peace officers who protect the citizens of California.

With the goal of enhancing public safety as our paramount concern, we oppose “The Safety for All” Act. CRPOA strongly believes this misnamed initiative does nothing to promote public safety but instead deprives law-abiding citizens of the ability to protect themselves.

CRPOA also opposes laws granting exemptions to “full-time” peace officers but not reserve peace officers. Well over five thousand reserve peace officers selflessly put their lives on the line to protect the citizens they serve and should be included with other peace officers who are wisely granted exemptions from ammunition and magazine restrictions.

Reserve peace officers should not be forced to pay fees, wait up to 30 days and disclose personally identifiable information, including home addresses and phone numbers, to purchase ammunition. Subjecting them to such treatment when they are entrusted with carrying firearms in the course and scope of their employment is unreasonable and offensive.

CRPOA joins the many other law enforcement organizations opposing the initiative.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bernzott
Chief Executive Officer