October 4, 2026

To the Honorable Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh
Vice Chair, Senate Committee of Education
1021 O Street, Suite 7220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 72 - Support

Dear Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh and Senate Committee of Education

We are writing in support of Senate Bill 72 An Act Related to Peace Officer Amended Training.

As current codes state California peace officers must adhere to strict screenings before being stationed as an officer. These screenings include but are not limited to, physical screenings, mental health screenings, and screenings against any bias that may hinder an officer's ability to efficiently carry out duties. However, we are aware that one time screenings are not always fully effective. We are also aware that many of our officers may bear witness to many traumatic and life altering situations which can ultimately affect their mental standing.

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On May 24, 2022 there was an unfortunate incident in Uvalde, Texas where an armed individual opened fire in an elementary school. The response seen from the police officers who were sent out was a poor reflection on our department and we are looking to take corrective actions against situations such as that one. Providing our officers with repeated and early training will ensure that they are mentally and physically fortified to handle the very serious threats that may appear on school grounds.

We agree that it is important for our officers to receive specialized training as per the institution they are assigned to. Completing this training soon after being placed will ensure our officers are confident, comfortable and ready to face any situations that may arise throughout the school year.

For these reasons we support SB-72.

Sincerely,



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