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The Honorable Roderick Wright  
California State Senate, Twenty Fifth District  
State Capitol, Room 5064  
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

RE: Support for Senate Bill 315

Dear Senator Wright:

The California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) Advisory Committee is pleased to support your Senate Bill (SB) 315 to allow the purchase of ephedrine based drugs only with a prescription.

California's methamphetamine problem is epic. California is fifth in the nation for the total number of meth labs discovered. However, California produces more methamphetamine than the top four states combined. In a 2010 report from the U.S. Department of Justice National Drug Intelligence Center, 14 superlabs (labs capable of producing at least 10 pounds of methamphetamine) were seized across the United States in 2009. 13 of those 14 labs were located in California.

States with a prescription-only system have seen dramatic decreases in meth labs. Oregon has gone from averaging more than 400 labs per year to averaging less than 12. In the first eight months of implementation, Mississippi has seen more than a seventy percent drop in meth lab numbers.

The CLETS Advisory Committee supports SB 315 because it is a starting point for California to safeguard its citizens against the methamphetamine scourge that is unfortunately centered in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Spiegel".

SAM L. SPIEGEL, Vice Chair  
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cc: The Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General  
The Honorable Ed Hernandez O.D., Senate Health Committee Chair