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RE: Support for Senate Bill 484

Fran Delach
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Dear Senator Wright:

Gary Grootveld
Department of General Services

The California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) Advisory Committee is pleased to support your Senate Bill (SB) 484 to allow the purchase of ephedrine based drugs only with a prescription.

Reginald Chappelle
California Highway Patrol

California's methamphetamine problem is epic. The United States Attorney's Office estimates that between 50% and 85% of over the counter ephedrine based drug sales in California are not used in a consumer setting, but instead are broken down to produce methamphetamine. 85% of the methamphetamine making its way to the other 49 states comes from or through California and illicit labs in California produce more methamphetamine than any other state in the nation. In fact, California labs produce more methamphetamine than the next five methamphetamine producing states combined. In 2008, 19 superlabs (labs capable of producing at least 10 pounds of methamphetamine) were discovered and dismantled nationwide. 17 of those 19 labs were found in California.

Scott Marshall
CA State Sheriffs' Association

The societal and environmental impact of methamphetamine production, consumption and abatement efforts cost California millions and millions of dollars each year. The CLETS Advisory Committee supports SB 484 because it is the starting point for California to safeguard its citizens against the methamphetamine scourge that is unfortunately centered in our state.

Larry Spikes
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Spiegel".

SAM L. SPIEGEL, Vice Chair
CLETS Advisory Committee

cc: The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General
The Honorable Juan Arambula, Assembly Public Safety Cmte Chair