



April 29, 2020

The Honorable Jim Cooper
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6025
Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 664 (Cooper) - Co-Sponsor

Dear Assemblymember Cooper,

I write to you today on behalf of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), representing 77,000 public safety members in over 920 public safety associations across the state of California. We are pleased to inform you of our co-sponsorship of AB 664 and want to thank you for your authorship on this critical measure that will ensure our officers are protected as we respond on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 is not only a public health crisis but is also a first responder crisis as peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and hospital personnel contract the virus. As public servants, law enforcement officers take an oath to protect our communities and play a critical role in responding to emergency situations. Therefore, we are placed at a higher risk of exposure and infection to COVID-19. By classifying COVID-19, as well as other communicable diseases, as presumptive work-related injuries, as defined in AB 664, our officers and their loved ones can have the peace of mind and security in knowing they will be protected under law if they come in contact with or are infected by the virus.

PORAC is committed to ensuring that the brave women and men of law enforcement are safe as they carry out their duties, and those brave women and men are dedicated to serving our communities, even and especially in this time of unprecedented global crisis. Thank you for supporting our efforts and the health and wellbeing of our officers through your authorship of AB 664.

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Due to the urgency of the situation, if you have any questions or concerns, please call my cell phone at (916) 947-6722 or PORAC's Vice President, Damon Kurtz, at (916) 798-8065.

Very Truly Yours,
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