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August 23, 2021

Honorable Senator Steven Bradford, and
Honorable Senator Toni G. Atkins
State Capitol, Rooms 2059 and 205
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 2 Support

Dear Senators Bradford and Atkins:

I am writing to you on behalf of Peace and Freedom Party of California to support SB 2 (Bradford and Atkins). Peace and Freedom Party has been calling for major reform of California's police departments for over 50 years. This bill will further that process.

SB 2 would, with certain exceptions, disqualify a person from being employed as a peace officer if that person has been convicted of a felony or an offense that would have been a felony if committed in California, found not guilty of a felony by reason of insanity, is listed in the National Decertification Index of the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training or other databases, among other reasons. This bill would also require the decertification of a peace officer found guilty of a felony, including use of excessive force, sexual assault making a false arrest, or participating in a law enforcement gang, as defined. The entities charged with investigating and rendering decisions on decertification shall be under independent civilian control and maintain independence from law enforcement.

There are a number of other provisions of SB 2 including the investigation of serious misconduct, reviews of investigations conducted by law enforcement agencies, and decertification of peace officers, among other provisions. We think that these provisions would improve the actions and public images of police departments throughout the state.

For too long unsavory individuals have sought employment as peace officers and rogue officers have been able to seek reemployment in other police departments where they can continue their problematic behavior. Our hope is that this bill will go a long way in putting an end to these unsavory practices.

For these reasons, and others, Peace and Freedom Party supports SB 2. To further discuss our position on this bill, please contact me at reigers@earthlink.net or our Legislative Liaison C. T. Weber at CTWeberVoters@att.net.

Sincerely,

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