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**Subject:** California Performance Review Public Safety Report & Recommendations.

Dear Ms. Poncabere:

This letter will serve to confirm my telephone conversations with Mr. Wayne Qunit, President of CCLEA, and Mr. Allen Barcelona, President of CAUSE regarding the recommendations that I have read in the body of the Public Safety Reports. Specifically, PS-02 is the most radical, and the most extreme example of a bad idea being resurrected from the grave.

Using 9-11 as an excuse to improve "Homeland Security" the CHP has attempted to quietly slip this through in order to reinvent themselves into something the Legislature did not ever envision, or want. In Homeland Security a subject I am Board Certified in teaching, Law Enforcement plays a very minor but important role, and its role starts at the local level with first responders who exhausting their abilities call upon others under mutual aide agreements. There is absolutely no diversity in those who wrote this report. These are with the exception of One Game Warden either current or former CHP Staff Members headed by the Deputy Commissioner. It places the CHP at the center of the universe as if the entire State Government revolved around them, and what they do? Each State Peace Officer has there own place in Government and it has worked fine up until the CHP found fault. Cabinet level Agencies such as Resources could appoint a Deputy Secretary for Law Enforcement & Public Safety that could coordinate a Regional Training combining Parks, CDF, and DFG under one training modular.

What we should be actually considering is the realization that in 1995 California made a big mistake in combining the State Police with the Highway Patrol, and that the State made a mistake, and it should unwind this and return the CHP to what they were before 1995, and place another entity to handle Security, Dignitary Protection, and formulate an agency by agency self protection program.

Sincerely,

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