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The Honorable Gloria Romero
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State Capitol, Room 313
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Dear Senator Romero:

Please accept this letter as support of your legislation to overturn the California Supreme Court decision in Copley Press vs. Superior Court. As a police chief, I respect and embrace reasonable protections and privacy for police officers. However, the Copley decision extends well beyond reason and creates a cloud of secrecy that will only deteriorate public trust and confidence in the police and negatively impact police-community relations.

As we face increasing crime and violence in our communities, we need to work in partnership with the community to develop long-term solutions. This cannot occur if the community; especially communities of color, believe the police operate in secrecy and with impunity. The police must be open, accessible, and accountable to the communities they serve.

I support your legislation and appreciate your leadership in public safety.

Respectfully,

Ronald Davis
Chief of Police