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**Senator Runner,**

The Riverside Police Officers' Association would like to endorse and support Senate Bill 839. The proposal for a "Blue Alert" is a great idea. Officers in the City of Riverside and throughout California are unfortunately sometimes the subject of violent attacks, up to and including murder. Our law enforcement personnel try to give information to their agency and others when there is suspect information. However, there are a large number jurisdictions in nearby cities and counties, all of which are often easily accessed by our freeway system. The faster we can distribute any suspect information the better and using the digital boards along the freeways would be ideal.

The community policing concept touts the usage of our neighbor's eyes and ears to better our quality of life. The signs that have been used for "Amber Alerts" and would now be used for "Blue Alerts" would enable our traveling population to help capture these suspects in a safe, efficient manner. Anyone that would attack a police officer would not think twice about harming someone else and should be considered an imminent threat to the public. This bill should not require funding as the signs and procedures for "Amber Alerts" are already in place. This is simply an expansion of "Amber Alerts" to a very important issue – those that protect and serve us being violently assaulted or killed.

Sincerely,

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