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The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 186 (Eggman) – Active Oppose

Dear Senator Skinner,

On behalf of our client, the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), representing 69,000 public safety members and 920 public safety associations, we regret to inform you of our opposition to AB 186 relating to controlled substances: safer drug consumption program.

This bill would, until January 1, 2022, authorize specified counties or cities within those counties to authorize the operation of supervised injection services programs for adults that satisfies specified requirements, including, among other things, a space supervised by healthcare professionals or other trained staff where people who use drugs can consume pre-obtained drugs, sterile consumption supplies, and access to referrals to addiction treatment.

PORAC is in full support of drug treatment programs with the complete understanding that if we can help people safely recover from drug addiction, then we can reduce crime in our neighborhoods. We also understand the health implications of persons consuming intravenous drugs in back alleys and abandoned property in our communities; however, it is difficult to truly grasp the idea that enabling people to use drugs and providing them the means to do so, will help those individuals recover from drug addiction or make our communities safe from drug-related crimes.

Again, PORAC opposes this bill. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Perry at (916) 448-3444.

Sincerely,

Randy Perry
Legislative Advocate

cc: Members, Senate Public Safety Committee
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