



CACEO

California Association of Code Enforcement Officers

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Honorable Jim Cooper
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Cooper:

The California Association of Code Enforcement Officers (CACEO) has examined Assembly Bill 664 and has taken a position of **support if amended**. Our amendment would include Code Enforcement Officers under the rubric of the bill. The language of inclusion is proposed to be as follows: (5) **Code Enforcement Officers as defined in Section 829.5 of the Penal Code**.

Code Enforcement Officers are on the front lines of enforcement activities that put them at a virtual daily risk of COVID-19 exposure. Code Enforcement Officers perform healthy housing enforcement in dealing with slum housing issues as well as dealing with abandoned housing. In effect, Code Enforcement Officers are dealing with locations that are COVID-19 Petri Dishes.

There are about 1800 Code Enforcement Officers throughout California so the cost issues would be minimal.

Thank you for considering the request of California Association of Code Enforcement Officers.

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