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SB 627 Is A Dangerous Deception That Betrays California's Immigrant Communities and Sacrifices Local Law Enforcement

SB 627 is an empty, unenforceable promise that misleads Californians and endangers public safety

Sacramento, CA — Today, President Brian R. Marvel, President of the [Peace Officers Research Association of California \(PORAC\)](#), which represents over 87,000 public safety members and more than 960 associations, said the following in response to Governor Newsom signing SB 627 into law:

"I am outraged by the passage of SB 627. In my decades serving as a peace officer, I have never seen a bill that so blatantly lies to the public. It is abundantly evident that Senator Wiener had no interest in finding a workable solution to this issue. Law enforcement groups provided amendments and reached out to collaborate with his office multiple times throughout this session. Instead, Senator Wiener continued to mislead lawmakers about the bill's impact and its efficacy. Even up until the bill's last hearing, Senator Wiener could not articulate what the bill does and does not do because of how confusing and inconsistent the language is.

This issue is too important to get it wrong, but this bill was created through a rushed and convoluted process that unfairly punishes local law enforcement and weakens our ability to protect California's communities. **Let me be clear: SB 627 does nothing to protect Californians from federal immigration enforcement actions. Instead, this bill makes local officers collateral damage.** It is a political stunt by all parties involved, plain and simple. The state does not have the legal authority to regulate federal agents, which [Governor Newsom acknowledged himself](#) earlier this session. Senator Wiener positioned this as a bill to go after Trump's immigration enforcement actions, but in reality, our state just handed Trump an easy court victory over California – one that will also confirm that many of California's leaders are anti-public safety.

When nothing about the way ICE operates has changed, Californians will know they have been lied to.

The rollback of critical immunity protections for local peace officers in this bill is a troubling betrayal that California's local law enforcement community will not soon forget. These protections are incredibly sacred to the public safety profession and enable officers to do their jobs in good faith without fear of retaliation. This bill will have a chilling effect on our profession, undermining officer recruitment and driving existing local officers out of California or to state law enforcement agencies that are conveniently exempt from this law. I can promise you this: we will be coming to next session ready to fight to make this right.

We appreciate every elected official who heard our concerns and stood by us and California's immigrant communities during this fight. As California's largest law enforcement organization, PORAC promises to continue to advocate against this dangerous new law. We will be working closely with Governor Newsom and the legislature next session to remedy this mistake and find commonsense solutions that actually benefit Californians, rather than make empty promises for political gain."

For more information on SB 627, please see the veto letter that we wrote to the Governor [here](#).

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About the Peace Officers Research Association of California:

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