

Good morning Madam Chair and committee members.

I am Brian Marvel, president of the Peace Officers Research Association of California, PORAC. I appreciate this opportunity to provide the Committee with testimony on this crucial bill, SB 230, which will set a national precedent by establishing the most comprehensive legislative solution to one of the most critical issues facing America today.

PORAC is the nation's largest statewide association representing public safety personnel, with over 75,000 members. Our members serve the State of California in many capacities as municipal peace officers and sheriff's deputies, correctional and probation officers, specialized peace officers working in our airports and schools, along with a variety of other statewide public safety jobs. We are dedicated public servants who on a daily basis keep our communities safe.

The loss of even one life is too many – that is why the bill's author and the law enforcement community have been working with the Senate Pro Tem's office, Assemblymember Weber's office, and the American

Civil Liberties Union over the last five months to develop legislation. In addition, we have spoken with the Attorney General's office, the Governor's office, legislators and community leaders from throughout the state that includes input from perspectives across California.

While developing this legislation, we met with use of force experts and have surveyed the most effective methods and training proven to reduce the use of force – SB 230 is an evidence-based approach that focuses on adopting nationally recognized best practices with proven results.

SB 230 is the only legislation that will provide law enforcement officers with the tools and resources they need to reduce use of force effectively.

Californians deserve progress – if we want to accomplish meaningful change we cannot work in silos. The best public policies are not made in a vacuum – we must come together and share our experiences, perspectives and expertise.

PORAC is asking that SB 230 be passed out of committee today.

I can't speak for all of law enforcement, but I believe they would agree with me when I say, we are committed to working together to develop an effective solution that we can all champion together.

On behalf of PORAC, I want to thank the Committee for allowing me to share our views and highlight some of the remarkable work being done by law enforcement and our partners across California.