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September 12, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Signing Request – Senate Bill 571

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 571.

This bill, if implemented, will make it a crime to fraudulently impersonate a first responder in an area under an evacuation order.

In evacuation areas, first responders play a critical role that depends on the public's trust in their authority and appearance. During the early days of response to the Palisades fires in January, it was disturbing to see evidence of impersonators exploiting that trust to commit crimes in evacuation zones. Impersonating a first responder not only victimizes already displaced families, but also interferes with life-saving operations at a time when every second counts.

SB-571 ensures that individuals who take advantage of disasters by posing as emergency personnel are held fully accountable, protecting both the integrity of our first responders and the safety of our communities.

I thank you for your consideration and I respectfully request that you sign SB-571. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

Kelly Seyarto
Senator, 32nd District