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California Assembly Member Dr. Akilah Weber
4700 Spring Street, STE. 131
La Mesa, CA 91941

Re: Opposition to Assembly Bill ("AB") 797.

To the Honorable California Assembly Member Dr. Akilah Weber:

The City of Chino ("City") respectfully submits this letter of opposition to AB 797. The Chino Police Department has taken significant efforts to work collaboratively with the Chino community. The Chino Police Department believes it cannot effectively police and protect Chino residents without the trust and understanding of the community. To that end, the Chino Police Department commits time and resources to build valuable programs that support collaborative, community policing. Some of these events include an annual Community Open House at the Chino Police Department, a Community Academy where Chino residents can learn about the Chino Police Department, and the Summer Youth Academy where attendees participate in activities, presentations, demonstrations, and field trips highlighting the various aspects of the law enforcement profession.

Beyond public outreach programs, the Chino Police Department takes pride in holding its personnel to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity. In the rare moments where the Chino Police Department has been made aware of its employees falling below this standard, the response has been swift, transparent, and decisive. Although the bill intends to increase transparency, it does not consider the trust that may already exist between a community and its police department. Rather, it appears to unfortunately be a wholesale reaction to the decisions other police departments that has no bearing on the Chino Police Department and its commitment to the Chino community.

It is for these reasons that the City of Chino opposes AB 797. Should you have any questions, please feel to contact the City of Chino Administration Department at (909) 334-3338

Sincerely,

Eunice M. Ulloa
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