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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Since enactment of the NY SAFE Act the Sheriffs of New York have been carefully reviewing its numerous provisions. This week, 52 of the 58 Sheriffs met in conference to further consider the law and to formulate the formal position of the Association. That position statement is attached.

There are a number of provisions in the law which our Association finds to be helpful to law enforcement and to our citizens. Those are pointed out in our position statement. There are also a number of provisions which cause us concern, and which we think should be revisited. Those we also point out in the position statement.

We commend you for your willingness to take on this difficult and complex problem. Because it is so complex it does not admit of an obvious or simple solution. Many of the provisions of NY SAFE Act contribute toward a solution. We hope that you will recognize that our comments and suggestions are offered, also, as a contribution toward a solution to the problem.

We pledge to continue to work with you and the Legislature as revisions and additions to the NY SAFE Act are considered

Very truly yours,

Donald B. Smith
President
Legislative Committee Chairman

