



March 27, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: CPOA Support for SB 1273**

Dear Senator Skinner,

The California Peace Officers' Association (CPOA) is pleased to support SB 1273 (Hill). CPOA is appreciative of Senator Hill's efforts to combat impaired driving, especially when cannabis and alcohol are combined. As many CPOA members are aware, the combination of both cannabis and alcohol together is even more dangerous together than alone.

CPOA is comprised of over 16,000 various law enforcement officers across all of California. Our members are both supervisory and front-line peace officers, and the trends they are seeing with impaired driving is extremely concerning. The impaired driving consequence of cannabis consumption was a main reason for CPOA's opposition to Prop 64, therefore addressing these issues regarding cannabis has been a top priority for our members and we are pleased to see a bill that supports these same concerns.

Additionally, while the California Highway Patrol and research institutions discover a known impairment level for cannabis, SB 1273 strikes a fair balance to treating the various classifications of drugs with separate attention.

The main priority of our law enforcement officers is to ensure the safety and protection of our communities. Having cannabis legalized has only made it more accessible for people to consume and get behind the wheel without always considering the dangers.

For these reasons, CPOA is proud to support AB 1273.

Cordially,

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Senate Public Safety Committee