


Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Re: Support for SB 511, 609 and 756
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- SB 609 will require corroboration of testimony by jailhouse informants. We know that informants often lie to get out of jail. Thus, we should require some evidence to show they are telling the truth.
- SB 756 will require the Attorney General to issue guidelines for eyewitness identification procedures. Scientific research shows that there are better ways to conduct lineups than are now used.

The Beverly Hills Bar Association strongly supports the legislative reforms recommended by the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice and urges timely passage of SB 511, 609, and 756.

Sincerely,



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