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The Honorable Anna Caballero  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 5052  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Senate Bill 230 – Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Caballero,

On behalf of the City of Ontario, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 230, which would revise California's outdated legal standard for the use of deadly force and ensure robust officer training to protect the sanctity of life. This legislation will provide members of law enforcement the proper legal protections to successfully conduct their duties as peace officers while standardizing guidelines for de-escalation tactics as alternatives to the use of deadly force.

Law enforcement is a high-stressed fast paced environment where officers are required to make split second decisions that could mean the difference between life and death. Providing the proper amount of flexibility to prevent and mitigate potential dangers is necessary for the safety of our communities. The City of Ontario and the Ontario Police Department welcome the implementation of new tools to enhance training that will keep both our residents and public safety officers away from unnecessary harm. It is of particular importance to increase the training provided when interacting with vulnerable populations, or those in need of medical assistance.

This legislation will not only increase the safety of all parties involved, but will help strengthen the relationship between our communities and the individuals who put their lives on the line to protect them. For these reasons, the City of Ontario offers its full support for Senate Bill 230.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Leon  
Mayor

c: The Honorable Senator Connie M. Leyva  
The Honorable Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez  
Senate Public Safety Committee