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Senator Joseph K. Leibham
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Representative Michael Endsley
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Dear Senator Leibham and Representative Endsley:

I am writing on behalf of more than 26,000 members of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association to advise you of our strong support for LRB 0294/3. This legislation allows a law enforcement officer to conduct searches of individuals who are currently on probation, parole or extended supervision. We believe this law would be extremely valuable as an investigative tool and we appreciate your efforts to enact legislation that would codify the ability of law enforcement officers to conduct certain searches of persons on probation or parole.

This bill also includes many important constitutional safeguards. For example, prior to conducting a search, law enforcement officers must have a reasonable suspicion that the alleged offender may be carrying contraband or concealing illegal substances. The bill provides a measure of accountability by requiring the law enforcement officer to notify Department of Correction once the search has been completed.

On behalf of the membership of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, thank you again for championing this important legislation and for your commitment to our state's local, state and federal law enforcement officers. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully yours,

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