



# Peace Officers Research Association *of California*

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The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatch and Senator Feinstein,

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (“PORAC”) is the nation’s largest statewide public safety association, representing over 69,000 members in California and Nevada. The effectiveness and efficiency of our criminal justice system is of the utmost importance to our members. As such, PORAC supports the Rapid DNA Act of 2017 (S. 139), your legislation to update federal law to account for recent developments in DNA technology that will help law enforcement agencies obtain DNA test results expeditiously.

Today, DNA samples collected at crime scenes and booking stations must be sent out to crime labs for analysis, a process that can take months. This bill would allow our members and fellow law enforcement officials to obtain results much faster, thereby helping law enforcement to quickly solve crimes, link suspects to other investigations, and release individuals whom DNA analysis indicates are innocent.

PORAC has long been a leader in pushing for legislation to protect the safety of California’s citizens and its public safety personnel. S. 139 is an important piece of legislation that will work to improve the safety of our nation’s communities and the efficiency of our criminal justice system.

We look forward to working with you on future issues. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at the PORAC Headquarters at (916) 928-3777 or contact our federal legislative advocates at Steptoe & Johnson LLP at (202) 429-6457.

Sincerely,

Mike Durant  
President  
Peace Officers Research Association of California