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Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senate Bill 2348 (SUPPORT)

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) is pleased to support Senate Bill 2348, the Rapid DNA Act of 2015.

Rapid DNA technologies represent a long overdue evolution for law enforcement, allowing for more efficient processing of reference DNA samples. The Rapid DNA Act of 2015 enables law enforcement to utilize Rapid DNA instrumentation to obtain DNA profiles from arrestees within two hours. The Act follows the United States Supreme Court ruling in *Maryland v. King* in 2013, which stated that the taking of DNA samples from known reference samples of arrestees was reasonable and consistent with the Fourth Amendment. Additionally, this proposed legislation allows the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to issue the standards and procedures necessary for the implementation of Rapid DNA instruments, including changes to allow DNA profiles to be entered and searched in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The reasonable application of Rapid DNA technology for reference samples that this legislation supports is critical for public safety.

CPCA is grateful for your leadership in enhancing the use of Rapid DNA, and looks forward to the benefits this technology will provide to public safety in our communities.

Sincerely,

David Bejarano
President

Jonathan Feldman
Legislative Advocate