



# RIVERSIDE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

Representing the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Professionals of the County of Riverside, California

June 5, 2020

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2006  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SCA 6 (Dodd) – OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Portantino:

The 4,000+ members of the Riverside Sheriffs' Association (RSA) are untied in strong opposition to SCA 6 (Dodd), a measure that would severely impact our tribal government partners by infringing on their constitutional gaming rights and subsequently their ability to provide for their tribes and surrounding communities.

Like tribal governments who voluntarily closed their gaming facilities to limit the spread of COVID-19, we too are reeling from the unprecedented toll this pandemic has had on our budget. We recognize that the state is also in a similar position. While these are trying times, this is not the time to abandon our principles by repealing tribal gaming rights and rewarding players that have a history of not following the law.

In recent years, card rooms and their owners have been penalized more than \$30 million by the federal Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) for failure to comply with anti-money laundering laws, and for hiding profits to avoid taxes and contributing to gambling addiction programs. Money laundering laws are significant and exist to protect against terrorist activities, human trafficking, drug dealing, and other crimes. As a law enforcement agency, we simply cannot support a measure that validates such conduct.

The development of tribal gaming has been one of the most important drivers of economic growth in Riverside County. In the last two decades, tribal casinos throughout the county have made substantial investments in their facilities and surrounding communities. Tribes have long been important partners with the RSA to strengthen our shared communities, as reflected in the promise of Proposition 1A (2000) that authorized Indian gaming in California.

We are proud to stand with our tribal government partners in opposing SCA 6. Thank you.

Please contact our lobbyist, Ryan Sherman at (916) 580-5464 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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President

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Director, Government Affairs