



May 16, 2017

Senator  
California State Capitol Building, Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: The California Association of Professional Employees' (CAPE) supports SB 362 – Department of Motor Vehicles Records: Confidentiality.**

Dear Senator ,

The California Association of Professional Employees (CAPE) strongly supports SB 362. CAPE is a union of 2,700 Los Angeles County professional employees working for such departments as the Department of Regional Planning and the Department of Public Works.

Many of our members perform code enforcement and are regularly placed in circumstances in which their safety is at risk. In performing their enforcement duties, they commonly face marijuana grows linked to cartels, abatement of meth and honey oil labs, and inspection of housing in gang-ridden and drug-ridden areas. Their enforcement of municipal codes often exposes them to disgruntled property owners, mentally unstable people, criminal organizations, and threats of retaliation in and out of the workplace. Notably, the majority of our members who perform code enforcement use their personal vehicles on-duty. This exacerbates the risks our members face in performing their duties.

The dangers faced by our members performing code enforcement parallels the majority of other professionals already authorized for DMV confidentiality. This is the reason CAPE supports SB 362. Thank you for your support on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carlos Clayton".

Carlos Clayton, PE, President