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BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 5 ON
PUBLIC SAFETY

September 16, 2020

The Honorable Xavier Becerra, Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
1300 I St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request for Threat Investigation

Dear Attorney General Becerra,

I am writing to request an investigation into a threat made against my safety. I am making this request following a video posted on the personal Facebook page of the President of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association in which a bull's-eye shooting target is placed above my face.

In the video, I appear alongside a number of other legislators as the narrator discusses efforts to ensure that increased violence against officers is addressed and perpetrators are held accountable. During this portion the target is shown over my face with my name visible, in a clear effort to connect the words to the visual depiction.

The video also shows other vicious imagery including a woman being held at knifepoint, a car window being shattered, and a house burning, all blatant attempts at inciting the emotions of the viewers.

With the senseless shooting of two Los Angeles Sheriff Deputies near my district occurring just four days ago, I know all too well the risks we public servants face when we are the subject of inflammatory words and images. I cannot view this video as anything less than a threat to my safety and that of my family and staff and potentially criminal conduct under Penal Code Section 76 that makes it an offense to threaten an elected official.

I respectfully request that you review the video and investigate this as a threat against both my district office and myself. I look forward to working with you to address this threat. If you have any additional questions, please call my office at (213) 744-2111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.".

Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
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