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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 505 (Ting) The Office of Youth and Community Restoration - Request for Veto

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully write to request that you veto AB 505 (Ting), which would upend key elements of the important reforms you championed as part of the realignment of juvenile justice to counties.

This bill creates unnecessary and compounding barriers in sub-committee, plan approval, and funding allocation processes, all of which will negatively affect the ability of counties to provide integral direct service delivery to young adults aged 18-25.

These young people, who are now to be served by counties following the closure of the state Division of Juvenile Justice just two months ago, need a host of supports and services to ensure successful reintegration into their communities. These supports and services include, but are not limited to, behavioral health, substance use disorder services, physical health, supportive and/or transitional housing.

The changes proposed in AB 505 cannot be viewed in a silo due to their intersecting and compounding effect on one another. Such changes will result in negative fiscal, resource, and staffing pressures affecting the other juvenile populations served by county probation. AB 505 will result in significant disruption to our juvenile justice system and the youth we serve. For these reasons, I urge you to veto AB 505.

Sincerely,

Elisia De Bord
Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer

cc: Christy Bouma, Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor
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