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The Honorable Jim Beall
California State Assembly
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RE: **AB 212** (Beall) - As amended on 06/21/11 - **SUPPORT**

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 212 which would provide technical clean-up to AB 12, chaptered in 2010. AB 212 would ensure that the terms related to the extension of foster care are used consistently throughout the Welfare and Institutions Code. The bill would also restore the high school completion rule for certain Kin-GAP recipients that was inadvertently deleted in AB 12.

As recently amended AB 212 provides additional clarification. The amendments strive to maximize the state's ability to pull down federal funding through the newly outlined re-entry provision. Furthermore the amendments simplify the administration of the program by deleting any references to partial payments to the youth. In addition, the urgency clause ensures that the provisions of AB 212 can be incorporated in the regulations and instructions currently being developed by the Department of Social Services for the implementation of AB 12. In addition we have been made aware of forthcoming amendments that will incorporate several changes to AB 212 that ensure federal compliance.

The county continues to strongly support all efforts to obtain additional funding and flexibility at both the state and federal levels to provide robust transitional services to foster youth such as housing, employment services, and increased access to aid. The county also supports ongoing services for former and emancipated foster youth to help ensure the future success of this vulnerable population.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino joins with the California State Association of Counties in supporting AB 212. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES
Chair, Board of Supervisors