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The Honorable Martin Block  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 918 (Block)** - As amended March 25, 2011 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Block:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 918. This legislation would enhance penalties for persons affiliated with a criminal street gang that commit the crime of pimping, pandering or human trafficking.

As you know, pimping, pandering, and human trafficking are increasing at an alarming rate across the state. Criminal street gangs are using increased funding received through these deplorable acts to expand their illegal activities. Currently, Penal Code 186.22 defines a criminal gang and lists 33 offenses that are associated with gang activity. This bill adds pimping, pandering and human trafficking to the list of offenses. The definition of a criminal street gang prompts enhanced penalties and bail, affects probation and parole conditions, augments law enforcement tools, and affects the way the case is handled by all stakeholders in the system.

By enhancing penalties for persons affiliated with a criminal street gang that commit the crime of pimping, pandering or human trafficking, AB 918 would help stop the scourge of human trafficking.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports AB 918. The County thanks you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

**JOSIE GONZALES, Chair**  
Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Martin Block

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