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The Honorable Bob Blumenfeld  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 94 (Committee on Budget) – As amended on April 11, 2011 – Concerns**

Dear Assemblyman Blumenfeld:

The County of San Bernardino (County) is respectfully writing to express our concerns with AB 94. Under existing law, the Public Safety and Officer Rehabilitation Service Act of 2007 authorized up to \$1.2 billion of funds for county jail construction. In 2008, the County's Adelanto Detention Center expansion project was ranked #1 on the list of entities to be conditionally awarded AB 900 funds, with state agreements finalized in October 2010.

The project, which is currently under construction, will total approximately \$111 million and will increase the County's jail capacity by 1,368 beds. \$83 million will come from AB 900 funds and the remainder will come from the taxpayers of San Bernardino County. As amended, AB 94 reduces the local match requirement from 25 percent to 10 percent. This would preclude the County from the lower match, as this bill only allows counties that received Phase 1 conditional awards to relinquish the awards and reapply. This exclusionary provision would result in a \$16 million impact to the County.

The County is very supportive of other counties' efforts to add jail capacity to mitigate the impacts of increased public safety responsibilities at the local level. In fact, as the first county in the state to break ground, we have offered suggestions and best practices on how the AB 900 agreement process can be streamlined so subsequent projects throughout the state can be expedited.

However, the fiscal conditions in which public agencies find themselves during these challenging economic times are well documented. Our County, similar to other counties, has been forced to make difficult decisions to protect essential local services. Over the past several years, the County has invested a significant amount of resources to complete the arduous AB 900 process. The County would appreciate that the same financial considerations afforded to other counties also apply to our project.

We appreciate your assistance and welcome any opportunity to address the County's concerns. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

**JOSIE GONZALES**  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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