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Honorable Loni Hancock  
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2031  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1056 – Second Chance Program - As amended May 21, 2015 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Chairwoman Hancock:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1056, legislation that would create the Second Chance Fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of reducing recidivism.

Last November, California voters approved Proposition 47, known as the Safe Neighborhood and Schools Act of 2014. The measure was enacted to ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for non-serious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from Proposition 47 into prevention and support programs.

AB 1056 requires the BSCC to administer a competitive grant program to distribute 65% of the anticipated Proposition 47 savings for mental health, substance abuse, and diversion that focuses on community-based solutions for reducing recidivism. The bill would also prioritize proposals that advance principles of restorative justice while demonstrating a capacity to reduce recidivism, and that leverage certain other federal, state, and local funds or social investments.

The County of San Bernardino has a proven record of successfully reducing recidivism in our County and stands ready to further our efforts to serve this population.

For these reason, the County of San Bernaridno is pleased to support AB 1056 and respectfully requests an "Aye" vote. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or at [jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS  
Board of Supervisors Chairman  
Third District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

c: The Honorable Toni Atkins  
Honorable Members and Consultants, Senate Public Safety Committee  
County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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