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April 6, 2009

The Honorable Robert Dutton  
California State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 352 (Dutton)** – As Introduced 2/25/2009

Dear Senator Dutton:

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support SB 352, which will provide counties the needed authority and oversight of juvenile offenders placed in out-of-county community care facilities.

As you are aware, in 2008, without properly notifying local law enforcement agencies, the City of San Francisco placed illegal alien juvenile drug dealers in a Yucaipa group home where they subsequently escaped. This reckless and irresponsible behavior placed our community at risk and endangered the unsuspected residences around the care facility.

Under existing law, juvenile offenders who are wards of the court may be placed in out-of-county community care facilities. According to current law, the county of residence must notify county of placement within 24 hours of transfer. SB 352 would increase the notification process by requiring the county of residence to inform the county of placement 24 hours prior to the time of placement. The legislation also requires the county of residence to disclose any gang affiliation or dangerous behavior that may pose a safety concern to the placement county. The measures in SB 352 will enhance law enforcement agency's ability to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our community and ensure residents remain protected.

For these reasons, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is in support of SB 352. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lance Larson, the County's Director of Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821. The Board thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

**GARY C. OVITT**  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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