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April 19, 2007

The Honorable Robert Dutton
31st Senate District
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 390 (Runner/Dutton)– As Introduced February 21, 2007 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Dutton:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 390, which would require a minor who has committed a gang-related offense, as a condition of probation, or an adult or minor committed to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Facilities, by reason of the commission of a gang-related offense, that the person wear an electronic monitoring device, remain at his or her legal residence except as authorized for purposes of school or employment. In addition, it would prohibit the association with known members of a criminal street gang.

As you know, criminal gang activity is an increasing threat to the citizens within the County of San Bernardino as well as throughout the State. Within San Bernardino County alone, it is estimated that there are nearly 300 active gangs that are continually recruiting new members. To combat this ongoing threat, the County has developed a pilot program that tracks adult gang members currently on probation in select areas by using Global Positioning System (GPS) devices. To date, thirty-five adult probationers have been fitted with GPS devices. In fact, during an ongoing criminal investigation, it was determined that a gang member outfitted with this device was found to be at the scene of a homicide.

This legislation gives our law enforcement agencies statewide another tool in the continuing fight against gang activities. This tool will help solve and deter gang related crime and send those members who commit gang crimes back to prison expeditiously. For these reasons, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors supports SB 390.

Sincerely,

PAUL BIANE
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.