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**Governmental & Legislative Affairs**

**Josh Candelaria**  
Director

September 12, 2016

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1157 (Mitchell) – REQUEST FOR VETO**

Dear Governor Brown:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully requests your veto of SB 1157. This legislation would require a local detention facility, as defined, that elects to utilize video or other types of electronic devices for inmate visitations to also provide an inmate with in-person visitation that meets or surpasses the minimum number of weekly visits required by those regulations for a person detained in the facility. Further, any facility that does not have existing space for in-person visitation must comply within five years.

San Bernardino County's High Desert Detention Center was designed and constructed to use video visitation exclusively. Accommodating in-person visitation would require major reconstruction that would cost in the tens of millions of dollars. It would also require an increase in staffing – at significant cost to taxpayers – to facilitate inmate movements and to monitor the visitation for the safety of visitors, staff and inmates.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino requests that you veto SB 1157. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [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

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