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The Honorable Kevin McCarty Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee 1021 O Street, Suite 5610 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2882 (McCarty) - California Community Corrections Performance Incentives.

Dear Assembly Member McCarty:

On behalf of Lake County, we are writing to formally express our opposition to AB 2882. This legislation proposes significant changes to the current public safety framework, which could disrupt the efficient and effective local control systems established under Public Safety Realignment.

Since the enactment of AB 109 in 2011, a historic shift in criminal justice responsibilities from state to local counties has occurred. This shift was a response to directives from both state legislation and a critical U.S. Supreme Court ruling mandating the reduction of state prison populations. In collaboration with the state, counties have developed comprehensive strategies to manage the increased responsibilities effectively, ensuring public safety without compromising the quality of justice delivery. In Lake County, agencies partner daily to provide these services.

AB 2882 threatens to undermine these efforts by redirecting and destabilizing the collaborative systems that have been key to our success in managing the realigned responsibilities, which include not only behavioral health services but also housing, substance use services, employment, and education for the justice-involved population.

It is also critical to address the misconception that behavioral health needs have been overlooked in current planning. In Lake County, the County and community agencies work collaboratively to ensure that the behavioral health needs of justice-involved are met. Behavioral health needs have been a critical component and integrated into the multifaceted approach of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). These partnerships have been essential in coordinating local responses that balance rehabilitation with public safety.

Repurposing the CCPs, as suggested in AB 2882, does not represent an integration of services but rather a significant redirection that could compromise public safety by narrowing the focus to singular aspects of the realigned responsibilities. This would not

only disrupt the balanced approach currently employed but also potentially jeopardize the safety and well-being of our communities.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed legislation. Our priority remains the safety and security of our constituents, which we believe is best maintained through the current, well-established public safety framework.

For these reasons, we are opposed to AB 2882.

Sincerely,

Bruno Sabatier Chair Board of Supervisors Lake County, California