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The Honorable Caroline Menjivar
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6720
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Subject: SB 1057 – Oppose

Dear Senator Menjivar,

On behalf of Lake County, we write to express our opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 1057. This legislation, similar to past bills such as AB 1007 (Jones-Sawyer, 2020), SB 493 (Bradford, 2021), and AB 702 (Jackson, 2023), proposes significant modifications to the structure and funding mechanisms of the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). This program has been vital in supporting holistic approaches to serving youth resulting in historic declines in juvenile detention and arrest rates over the last decade and positive youth outcomes.

Significantly, SB 1057 alters the composition of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils and makes changes to multiagency juvenile justice plans. In so doing, this bill impedes collaborative and multi-agency approaches currently relied upon which have been essential tools in supporting an entire continuum that prevents juveniles from becoming more formally system involved.

Lake County values community involvement and recognizes the importance of diverse perspectives in supporting justice-involved youth, however the changes proposed in this bill will have the adverse impact to its stated goals. By requiring, rather than authorizing, additional members, it would create considerable obstacles rather than opportunities to fulfill the goals of the committee.

Additionally, the bill sets forth the authority of the State to determine remedial action or withhold JJCPA funding, and it establishes a new request for proposal processes under which a local agency other than a law enforcement-related agency would administer. These proposed changes, coupled with the changes to the composition which exacerbates these issues, compromise the stability and efficacy of our juvenile justice system. In Lake County, the Probation Department is a leader in the collaborative efforts to support youth and families and provide services to have positive impacts on our community. To eliminate the Probation Department's ability to continue to lead the rehabilitation efforts of youth in our rural community would leave a huge hole in the availability of resources to youth and families and have a severe negative impact.

As counties and probation are responsible for the entire juvenile continuum, we remain committed to collaborative efforts to enhance serving youth at all points of the continuum and efforts to prevent youth from entering the system in a locally responsive manner.

However, SB 1057 does not align with these principles and will recast and redirect critical county funding that supports youth services and will disrupt the vital planning, funding, and service delivery to youth.

For these reasons, Lake County is opposed to SB 1057.

Sincerely,

Bruno Sabatier
Chair
Board of Supervisors
Lake County, California

Cc: All Members and Consultants of the Senate Appropriations Committee