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July 15, 2020

Linda Penner, Chair
Board of State and Community Corrections
2590 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95833

**Subject: Support for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding –
Emergency Temporary Housing**

Dear Chair Penner,

On behalf of the Chief Probation Officers of California we write in support of the request to approve \$15 million of the federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) for emergency housing for individuals being released from state prison due to COVID-19.

Housing is a critical component in the re-entry process and becomes ever more important in the current pandemic to support persons on PRCS and parole in their reentry and as a component to promoting public health orders and community safety.

Probation has been working in coordination with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), California Department of Health and Human Services (CHHS), local county partners, and providers of residential services and housing services to identify and secure available space for individuals returning to our communities on PRCS. This will be vital given the fact that we know a percentage of these individuals have either been exposed to COVID-19 or tested positive and will need housing to safely and appropriately quarantine or isolate per health guidelines. County probation departments and counties generally do not have sufficient resources to take on this housing need so this funding will be imperative to probation's ability to safely serve this population during this pandemic.

This funding is timely and necessary to provide essential temporary housing which helps support alignment with public health directives and addresses a key element that is necessary to develop reentry stability.

We appreciate the Administration and the Board's attention to this important matter and respectfully request your support and approval of this funding for emergency housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Sanchez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danielle Sanchez
Legislative Director

Cc: All Member of the Board of State and Community Corrections

From: Erica Smith <ericas@startingoverinc.org>

Date: July 16, 2020 at 7:49:59 AM PDT

To: "Cone, Tracie@BSCC" <Tracie.Cone@bscc.ca.gov>

Greetings

I do not think another 15 mil should be given to law enforcement for reentry all of this funding provides incentive for them to keep over policing and over arresting black and brown people the fact that during this time of unrest you would once again place the value of our community on law enforcement is very sad the criminal justice system is broke in fact let me restate that because broke implies that at some point it worked the system has been flawed since its inception riverside county sheriff has done little to nothing to care or protect people who are incarcerated or formally incarcerated how about this how about we put the value of our community on the people let's work at addressing core issues like education mental health poverty substance abuse and not try to treat (over police) the symptoms those of you who are in leadership positions have made it clear that the value of our community is not in the people but in the damn dollar. Please begin to look for more viable ways to heal our community incarceration hence reentry has not worked to help our community it has consistently increased the harm and breakdown of our community especially black and brown communities
Thank yoy