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June 4, 2019

The Honorable Mike Gipson  
California State Assembly, District 64  
State Capitol, Room 3173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 901 (Gipson) Juveniles - OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Gipson

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in opposition of your AB 901 (Gipson), which will remove local authority from determining whether disorderly or insubordinate youth as well as youth with truancy issues can be referred to a juvenile court by school administrators, probation departments or district attorneys.

Currently probation departments are permitted to render services designed to prevent juvenile delinquency to persons in the community whether or not they are on probation. It also allows an officer of a school or administrator to write a notice to a juvenile court to have the pupil appear due to truancy issues. Chronic truancy is considered to be a major predictor of future criminality and the structure of these juvenile courts can be a valuable tool to address the issue.

AB 901 will remove the authority of juvenile courts to declare persons in between ages 12 and 17 a ward of the court based on truancy as well as habitually refusing to obey directions from parents or guardians. It also eliminates the authority to refer a student to a school attendance review board, probation department or district attorney because of being habitually insubordinate or having disorderly behavior. This could potentially cost local law enforcement departments and probation offices hundreds of thousands of dollars having to provide referrals to community-based diversion programs instead of only having to provide notices to appear in court.

This bill will place an undue burden on counties and localities which are already trying to address truancy issues and bad behavior in students through juvenile courts. Forcing them to provide new services when there is little possibility for being reimbursed. For these reasons, Solano County Board of Supervisors must respectfully oppose AB 901 (Gipson).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Hannigan".

Erin Hannigan, Chairwoman  
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cc: Members, Solano County State Legislative Delegation  
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June 5, 2019

The Honorable Jim Beall  
California State Senate, District 15  
State Capitol, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 284 (Beall) Juvenile justice: county support of wards - OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Beall,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in opposition of your bill SB 284 (Beall), which will raise the amount a county has to pay to the state when admitting a person to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

California Counties have invested large amounts of money and resources to make sure their departments can reach a rehabilitative environment for youth services. Unfortunately, the decision of where youth are to be placed is decided by juvenile courts judges of which many youths qualify for DJJ. This ensures that little can be done to stop judges from sending youth to DJJ, which significantly impacts counties' finances and jeopardizes youth offender rehabilitation efforts.

SB 284 will increase the annual rate from \$24,000 to \$125,000 for youth committed to the DJJ who have committed offenses and sentenced to fewer than 7 years, along with those who have committed offenses at 15 years of age or older. This large increase of \$101,000 additional dollars annually that counties would have to pay the State is a huge burden on already-limited county finances and resources.

For these reasons, Solano County Board of Supervisors must respectfully oppose SB 284 (Beall).

Sincerely,

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