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Supervisor Dick Monteith
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 10th St., Ste. 6500
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Supervisor Monteith:

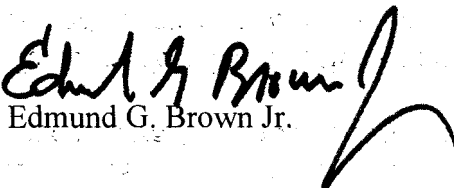
As you know, beginning October 1, many lower-level criminal offenders and parolees will begin to be supervised by the counties instead of the state. This realignment will allow counties to more closely supervise offenders and will provide needed flexibility in determining how best to sanction, treat, and rehabilitate them.

To ensure that the transition of responsibility for these offenders is successful, my administration is working closely with key local organizations, including the California State Association of Counties, the Chief Probation Officers of California, the California Police Chiefs Association, and the California State Sheriffs' Association.

In the upcoming weeks, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will be providing important training seminars to counties throughout the state. In addition, the state has created a website, www.cdcr.ca.gov/realignment, which contains extensive additional training materials and information. I encourage you to review these materials.

Current statutes require that state funds be used to pay counties for the increased fiscal burdens caused by this realignment. Let's all work together to make sure that the necessary funding is given constitutional protection.

Thank you for your work in helping to make this realignment a success.


Edmund G. Brown Jr.