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# California State Sheriffs' Association

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August 28, 2013

The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax 916-319-2199

**Subject:** CSSA Support of Senate Bill 105

Dear Assembly Member Skinner:

On behalf of the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA), we are pleased to support Senate Bill (SB) 105 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), a measure that will prevent the early release of thousands of state prisoners from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Pursuant to the three-judge court's orders in the *Coleman/Plata* cases, the California Department of Corrections of Rehabilitation must reduce its prison population to 137.5% of design capacity by December 31, 2013. Senate Bill 105 will authorize the immediate reduction of the state prison population by safely transferring inmates to other custodial facilities in order to meet the court's deadline.

While we support SB 105 in the short-term, we are also ready and willing to partner with the Governor and Legislature to discuss developing long-term, durable state and local solutions. Until those discussions occur, however, SB 105 is needed immediately and urgently to allow CDCR the time necessary to comply with the court's orders, without forcing a massive release of prisoners and jeopardizing public safety. We strongly support the Governor's plan as it is the only solution that can be implemented prior to the end of the legislative session and the court's December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Ahern, CSSA President  
Sheriff, Alameda County

Robert T. Doyle, CSSA Legislative Committee Chair  
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cc: Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
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