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The Honorable Loni Hancock Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee California State Senate, District 9 State Capitol Building, Room 2082 Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re:** SB 199 (de Leon) – OPPOSE – Probation: community corrections

Dear Chair Hancock:

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to you today to request that you **OPPOSE SB 199 (de Leon)** when it is heard in your committee on April 24<sup>th</sup>. This bill would expand membership of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) by adding two members to the CCP and its executive committee: a deputy sheriff or police officer and a probation officer.

With realignment, counties have assumed significant responsibilities for managing, treating and supervising new adult offender populations. Counties are still in the early phases of implementation and we will not feel the full impact of this shift for year to come. Given the fact that our work on a successful realignment of these responsibilities has just begun, we are concerned that it is simply too soon to make changes to the underlying statutory construct that supports the realignment planning and implementation process.

If the legislature sees it fit to expand the composition of this body so early in the process, we are concerned that this would only be the first in a line of changes that will lead us to a body that simply becomes too large, too unwieldy and ultimately less effective. We feel that we can all benefit by taking a measured approach to considering any changes to this committee. This should start with gathering more experiential and programmatic data about how things are working at the local level in order to prevent any hasty, unjustified decisions.

For these reasons, I would like to again request that you **OPPOSE SB 199 (de Leon)** when it is heard in your committee. On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Seifert, Chair

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Cc: The Honorable Members of the Senate Public Safety Committee

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