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Chief Probation Officers of California Responds to Governor Brown's Filing of the Prison Population Reduction Plan

Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) releases the following statement, addressing the Governor's recent court filing on prison population reduction response to the federal courts:

Chief Probation Officers of California has worked tirelessly with our county partner agencies, the Legislature and the Governor in an effort to implement the historic reform contained in the Public Safety Realignment 2011. We are very appreciative of the Governor's strong statement of support for those ongoing efforts and the acknowledgment of the impact on probation and counties in the court filing today. It is unfortunate that the court has not taken into account the significant effort and progress made with the implementation of realignment.

"We stand with the Governor in his protest of the need to make the further adjustments required by the order as it could negatively impact public safety. Early releases undermine the thoughtful system of reform currently in place. Investment in options to meet an arbitrary capacity number further hinder our ability to invest in programs, such as probation, which combine public safety and treatment in a way that protects our communities." Chief Mack Jenkins, President of CPOC and Chief Probation Officer of San Diego County.

Probation plays an integral part in the local supervision, treatment and rehabilitation of offenders. By addressing criminal behavior at the front-end of the system through community-based programming and evidence-based supervision practices, public safety outcomes can be improved. If adequately funded and appropriately resourced, probation can provide vital public safety services, achieve better outcomes, and make our communities safer.

We applaud the Governor's commitment to appeal orders that would jeopardize public safety and interfere with the State of California's right to manage their correctional system.

The Chief Probation Officers of California represents the appointed chiefs in all 58 counties in the State of California. Chief Probation Officers manages county departments overseeing juvenile and adult probation programs. Probation administers supervision and treatment for offenders as ordered by the courts.

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