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Linda Penner, Chairperson
Board of State and Community Corrections
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Subject: Letter of Support – Proposed STC Maximum Training Cost Policy Change

Dear Chair Penner and Board Members,

I am writing in support of upcoming agenda item G (STC Training Cost Policy), scheduled for consideration at your April 16th Board meeting regarding proposed changes to the Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) program's tuition policy.

As a Sheriff responsible for the training and professional development of correctional staff, I recognize the importance of maintaining high-quality, accessible training standards. The current maximum allowable tuition rate of \$150 per day has not kept pace with the rising costs associated with delivering effective, modern training. Adjusting the allowable rate to \$230 per day, effective July 1, 2026, is a necessary and reasonable step to address inflation and ensure that training providers can continue to offer comprehensive and up-to-date instruction.

Furthermore, I support the recommendation to remove the maximum training cost cap beginning July 1, 2027. Allowing greater flexibility will enable agencies and training providers to better respond to evolving needs, emerging best practices, and increasing operational costs without being constrained by limits. This change will ultimately benefit the safety, professionalism, and preparedness of correctional personnel across the state.

Alongside these proposed adjustments, as training costs and demands increase, it is important to recognize the financial impact on local agencies. To fully realize the benefits of these proposed changes, it would be highly beneficial to also consider increased funding support for agencies. Additional funding would help ensure that departments can continue to access essential training without compromising other critical operational needs.

The STC program plays a critical role in establishing consistent, high-quality training standards. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Assistant Sheriff Trevis Newport at tnewport@sbcscd.org. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for your continued commitment to public safety and professional excellence in corrections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SDicus", with a small blue mark to the right.

Shannon D. Dicus
San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner