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Linda Penner, Chair  
Board of State and Community Corrections  
2590 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95833

**Subject: Support for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding –  
Emergency Temporary Housing**

Dear Chair Penner,

On behalf of the Chief Probation Officers of California we write in support of the request to approve \$15 million of the federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) for emergency housing for individuals being released from state prison due to COVID-19.

Housing is a critical component in the re-entry process and becomes ever more important in the current pandemic to support persons on PRCS and parole in their reentry and as a component to promoting public health orders and community safety.

Probation has been working in coordination with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), California Department of Health and Human Services (CHHS), local county partners, and providers of residential services and housing services to identify and secure available space for individuals returning to our communities on PRCS. This will be vital given the fact that we know a percentage of these individuals have either been exposed to COVID-19 or tested positive and will need housing to safely and appropriately quarantine or isolate per health guidelines. County probation departments and counties generally do not have sufficient resources to take on this housing need so this funding will be imperative to probation's ability to safely serve this population during this pandemic.

This funding is timely and necessary to provide essential temporary housing which helps support alignment with public health directives and addresses a key element that is necessary to develop reentry stability.

We appreciate the Administration and the Board's attention to this important matter and respectfully request your support and approval of this funding for emergency housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Sanchez". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Danielle Sanchez  
Legislative Director

Cc: All Member of the Board of State and Community Corrections