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County Sends Clear Message on Early Release *Chair Bates and County Law Enforcement Deliver Letter to Governor*

SANTA ANA – Supervisor Patricia C. Bates, Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, along with county law enforcement officials, delivered a letter today to Governor Schwarzenegger expressing deep concern over the proposed legislation to release serious and violent felons into our communities without parole.

The letter, also signed by Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas, Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens and Orange County Chief Probation Officer Colleene Preciado, sends a unified message that Orange County does not support the recommended early release policy.

The letter states that the proposal would expose law enforcement agencies to a significantly increased number of criminals that are now well aware that they will not be held accountable for their actions. The letter further requests that each county in California be given no less than a thirty day notice of the early release of prisoners concurrent with the right to determine if local supervision is warranted.

“We’re simply asking that the State provide local law enforcement with the tools needed to keep our communities safe,” said Supervisor Bates.

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