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The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 3086
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**Re: AB 2720 (Waldron) – Juveniles: juvenile reentry.
As Amended April, 11, 2018 – OPPOSE
Awaiting Hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee**

Dear Senator Portantino,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 of the state's counties, respectfully writes in opposition of Assembly Bill 2720 (Waldron). This measure, as amended, would authorize county probation departments to use the Juvenile Reentry Grant Special Account for rehabilitative services for persons who have been discharged from a juvenile court's jurisdiction for up to two years after dismissal.

While CSAC agrees that providing youth rehabilitative and reentry services is essential to reducing recidivism among this population, the Juvenile Reentry Grant Special Account is not the appropriate funding source. The Juvenile Reentry Grant Special Account, established in the budget process in 2010, was to provide resources for county probation departments who assumed new populations and workload to supervise and assist with programming for youth returning from the State Division of Juvenile Justice facilities. Further, it is unclear, from a jurisdictional perspective, how this would be operationalized since it would allow expenditure of funds for a population that is no longer under the jurisdiction of the court or county. CSAC is very concerned about how the funds would be allocated, overseen, and managed to ensure the funding is meeting its intended use.

It is for these reasons that CSAC opposes AB 2720 and respectfully requests your **NO** vote. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at idevencenzi@counties.org or 916.650.8131.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Devencenzi', is located below the 'Sincerely,' text.

Jessica Devencenzi
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Marie Waldron, California State Assembly
Members and Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee