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The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 2117
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**Re: SB 1106 (Hill) – Young adults: deferred entry of judgment pilot program.
As Amended April 9, 2018 – SUPPORT
Set to be heard June 12, 2018– Assembly Public Safety Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 of the state's counties, writes in support of Senate Bill 1106 by Senator Jerry Hill. This measure, as amended, extends the operative date of the existing Transitional Age Youth pilot program to January 1, 2022, and expands the scope of the program to include Ventura County.

Research shows that offenders between the age of 18 and 21, who are still undergoing significant cognitive brain development, can be better served by local juvenile detention facilities that offer age appropriate intensive services. Research has also shown people do not fully develop adult-quality decision-making skills until their early 20's. Because of this, these young adults are more likely to engage in risk-seeking behavior. Local juvenile detention facilities offers services specifically tailored to the needs of adolescents including, cognitive behavioral therapy, mental health treatment, vocational training, and education, as well as other programming intended to specifically address the needs of the emerging adolescent brain.

By extending the existing Transitional Age Youth pilot program until January 1, 2022 and including Ventura County to the list of authorized counties, SB 1106 will allow more young adult offenders to be housed in local juvenile detention facilities, instead of adult local detention facilities, where they will have access to these services.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports SB 1106 and respectfully requests your **AYE** vote. Should have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at jdevencenzi@counties.org or 916.650.8131.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Devencenzi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jessica Devencenzi
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Jerry Hill, California State Senate
Members and Consultant, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Gary Olson, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus