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The Honorable Tony Thurmond  
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**Re: AB 1488 (Thurmond) – County juvenile transition centers.  
As Amended August 28, 2017 – OPPOSE**

Dear Assembly Member Thurmond,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) respectfully opposes Assembly Bill 1488, your measure, as amended, that would require every county to establish at least one county juvenile transition center that would provide housing and numerous types of services to youth upon release from local juvenile correction facilities.

While CSAC agrees that it is important to support juveniles reentering society by providing transitional housing and various other services, we believe that AB 1488 passes on huge costs to counties by requiring them to establish county juvenile transition centers. AB 1488 was gut and amended late in the legislative process not allowing enough time for proponents and opponents to discuss an effective approach to implementing such an important policy.

CSAC stands ready to work on this important policy and budget issue with your office, however with less than two weeks of the Legislative Session remaining, CSAC must respectfully oppose AB 1488 being moved this Legislative Session. We would like the opportunity to work with your office on a bill that could assist juveniles reentering society and avoid the cycle of recidivism without mandating huge costs on counties. Should you have any questions regarding our position please do not hesitate to contact me at [dkernan@counties.org](mailto:dkernan@counties.org) or 916.650.8116.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Darby Kernan'.

Darby Kernan  
Senior Legislative Representative