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The Honorable Jim Cooper
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6025
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**Re: Assembly Bill 132 (Cooper) – Trial costs: Joseph James DeAngelo, Jr.
As Amended February 15, 2019 – SUPPORT
Set to be heard March 12, 2019 – Assembly Public Safety Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Cooper,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 of the state's counties, writes in support of Assembly Bill 132, which will help to reimburse counties for the costs arising from the prosecution and defense of Joseph DeAngelo.

The DeAngelo case is unprecedented and involves conduct occurring throughout the State of California. DeAngelo is being held pending multiple murder and kidnapping charges alleged to have occurred between 1974 and 1986 and spanning at least 11 counties across the State of California. The District Attorneys from the Counties of Orange, Ventura, Tulare, Santa Barbara, Contra Costa, and Sacramento have consolidated all charges arising out of conduct in their respective counties and resolved that all charges will be prosecuted in Sacramento County. The magnitude of this case exceeds any other case previously prosecuted in this state. Specifically, this case will impose a significant financial burden on Sacramento County and jeopardize critical county services without support from the state. At this point, Sacramento County is estimating that it will cost more than \$20 million to adequately prosecute and defend the allegations against DeAngelo.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports AB 132. Thank you for your leadership on this very important issue. Should you have any questions or concerns 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 large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jessica Devencenzi
Legislative Representative