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March 29, 2018

The Honorable Tony Thurmond
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4005
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: AB 2250 (Thurmond) – Addressing the Needs of Children with Incarcerated Parents
As amended 3/15/2018 – SUPPORT
Awaiting hearing – Assembly Public Safety Committee

Dear Assembly Member Thurmond:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 2250, your measure that would establish a multi-agency working group to examine the needs of — and develop related policy recommendations for — children with incarcerated parents (CIP).

The County of Riverside has a shared interest in this policy area. As your measure acknowledges, CIP are more likely to become justice-involved, face numerous financial and emotional stresses, and be burdened with more health issues than their peers who do not have an incarcerated parent. The County is currently sponsoring AB 3007, by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia, which would establish a county-based wrap-around program that aims to boost protective factors for purposes of developing resiliency and reducing risk factors that make CIP more susceptible to becoming incarcerated in the future.

Your measure would complement our county-focused effort by elevating the unique needs of the CIP population to a state-level policy discussion. Specifically, AB 2250 would create a multi-faceted policy forum to explore the obstacles faced by CIP and to develop a set of guiding principles to more thoughtfully and holistically support this vulnerable population. It appropriately recognizes the need for and value of examining and seeking to address the unique set of needs among the CIP, a population that may come in to contact with a diverse set of local and state service systems.

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We thank you for your effort to bring additional attention to the specific needs of the CIP population, and we are pleased to support AB 2250 as it makes its way through the legislative process. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Washington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chuck" being more prominent than the last name "Washington".

Chuck Washington
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Members and Counsel, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Riverside County Delegation