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February 28, 2022

The Honorable Kevin McCarty
1021 O Street, Suite 4250
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1928- SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember McCarty,

Yolo County supports your AB 1928 which would authorize San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, and Yolo counties to implement a pilot program to establish a secured drug treatment facility where felony offenders could be sentenced and treated for substance use disorders rather than going to jail or prison. The intent of such a program would be to address gaps in the current criminal justice and rehabilitation system which have resulted in those suffering from substance abuse cycling in and out of local jails without a clear pathway to treatment. In supporting this bill we acknowledge the existing tools to address substance abuse disorders, particularly among those who are frequently involved with our criminal justice system, are not sufficient to address this issue which has sadly become all too pervasive in our community and other communities across our state.

Thank you for prompting this much needed conversation about drug treatment and sentencing alternatives. It is clear we need more tools to address this intractable issue and we appreciate you advancing AB 1928 as a means for exploring such alternatives. We look forward to continuing our work with your office to prevent and address substance abuse in our community. Please contact Alexander Tengolics in the County Administrator's Office at (530) 666-8068 or alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org with any questions about the County's position.

Sincerely,

Angel Barajas
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Bill Dodd
The Honorable Richard Pan
The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry