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April 5, 2020

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director
Department of Finance
Room 1145, State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated April 2, 2020, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to Section 36.00, Chapter 2, Statutes of 2020, of your intention to augment two non-budget act items of appropriation to assist state and local governments in protecting the health and safety of the public and reducing the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Specifically, Item 5225-604-0001 is augmented by \$5,743,917 for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to reimburse counties for housing inmates due to the temporary stoppage of prison intake for 30 days in response to COVID-19. In addition, Item 5227-604-0001 is augmented by \$2,971,219 for the Board of State and Community Corrections to reimburse counties for supervising individuals released up to 60 days earlier than scheduled from state prison to Post Release Community Supervision in response to COVID-19.

Given the severity of the COVID-19 crisis, and the relatively modest amount of funding being proposed, I concur with the spending request to help ensure that counties are able to promote public safety in their communities. I respectfully request that the administration provide a detailed plan for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in the state's correctional populations, as well as regular updates on the specific actions taken.

Sincerely,



Holly J. Mitchell
Chair
cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee