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Suzanne Brown-McBride, Chair
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Dear Ms. Brown-McBride:

Since taking office, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has directed his administration to improve California's process for protecting the public from sex offenders. He created the High Risk Sex Offender Task Force, convened the California Summit for Safe Communities, and signed Assembly Bill 1015 in 2006 which created the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) in order to advance this cause. Today, the Administration is asking the SOMB to immediately evaluate and make recommendations for critical areas of Jessica's Law implementation.

SOMB is addressing issues, concerns, and problems related to community management of adult sexual offenders by developing recommendations to improve policies and practices. The SOMB already has adopted the importance of using research and evidence-based practice as the framework by which issues and recommendations related to California's sex offender management practices will be based.

Consistent with these goals and methods, the Administration requests that SOMB examine issues related to the implementation and clarification of Jessica's Law including:

- Residency restrictions and appropriate offender housing.
- Distance restrictions from locations where children congregate; defining these locations.
- Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring and offender supervision.
- Maintaining supervision of Jessica's Law sex offenders once they complete their parole term and are no longer under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).
- Sexually violent predator civil commitment.
- Community education and public understanding of Jessica's Law.

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Currently, there are parolees who have been released since Jessica's Law was passed who have completed their parole supervision but still require lifetime supervision under the law, so clarification is urgently needed. The Administration is requesting that the SOMB provide these recommendations within 60 days of receiving this correspondence.

In the meantime, I have directed CDCR's Division of Adult Parole Operations to work in partnership with local law enforcement to maintain clear communication so that local law enforcement is aware when a parolee subject to GPS monitoring under Jessica's Law is discharged by law from CDCR jurisdiction.

The Administration looks forward to receiving the recommendations of the SOMB in this area, and is committed to working with State and local law enforcement to find a solution that provides the highest level of public safety, and furthers the goals of Jessica's Law.

Sincerely,



JAMES E. TILTON
Secretary
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Enclosure