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2 April 1985

Law and Legislation Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 888

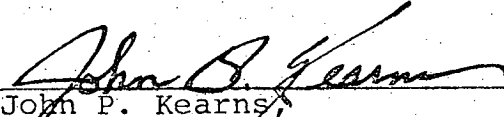
### BACKGROUND

Recently, Senate Bill 888 was introduced. This bill is sponsored by the California Youth Authority and would require juveniles committed to the Youth Authority for sex offenses to register as sex offenders for the maximum duration of juvenile court jurisdiction.

If enacted, this would allow for a formalized method of tracking such offenders during this period when they are most likely to re-offend. This legislation is part of Governor Deukmejian's 1985 Public Safety Program.

### RECOMMENDATION

We are greatly in favor of this legislation and urge you to do everything within your power to see that it is enacted into law.

  
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John P. Kearns,  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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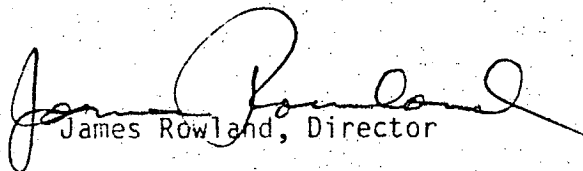
Dear Chief Kearns:

Senator John Seymour has introduced legislation (SB 888) which would require that juveniles committed to the Youth Authority, following a true finding on petitions alleging certain sex offenses, be required to register as sex offenders for the maximum duration of juvenile court jurisdiction. This would allow for a formalized method of tracking such offenders during this period of time--a time when they are most likely to re-offend. The principal co-author is Assemblymember Doris Allen, and indications are that the bill has widespread support in the Legislature.

The Department of the Youth Authority is the primary sponsor of this legislation, which is a part of Governor Deukmejian's 1985 Public Safety Program. The impetus for this legislative proposal was verbal and written testimony offered during public meetings convened by the Department's Sex Offender Task Force during 1984. There was extensive support from a broad range of those offering their opinion, but little opposition to juvenile registration was voiced. As one who may be in favor of such an undertaking, we would appreciate your proactive support of the bill. This support could be most effectively offered in the form of correspondence directed to Senator Seymour at the State Capitol, Room 5087, Sacramento, CA 95814.

I would like to take this opportunity in advance to express appreciation for your support.

Sincerely,

  
James Rowland, Director

Enclosure

cc: Honorable John Seymour  
Senator, 35th District