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February 22, 1994

Congressmember Vic Fazio
2113 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515-0530

Attention: Linda Wingate

Subject: OMNIBUS CRIME BILL (H.R. 3355)

Dear Congressman Fazio:

As a member of the Sacramento County Criminal Justice Cabinet, I would like to bring a matter of great concern to your attention and seek your support.

As you may know, the Sacramento County Criminal Justice Cabinet brings together various individuals from the community, representing law enforcement, the courts, probation, human services, City and County elected officials and the City Manager and County Executive.

The Criminal Justice Cabinet is able to provide and coordinate planning and evaluation of vital criminal justice programs and issues which are of importance to Sacramento City and County residents.

Given this background, I strongly urge your vote in a manner that allocates funding for crime prevention programs directly to the local level. It is vital to the members of the Criminal Justice Cabinet that any federal funds be passed directly to City and County agencies that are ultimately responsible for these programs.

In the City of Sacramento, we are preparing to ask the voters if they are willing to assess themselves for additional public safety services. We are doing so with a plan which relies on outside resources to help support what can be raised locally. Allocation of funds to the local level will maximize our ability to implement crime prevention/enforcement programs, and this is consistent with the legislation.

I stongly urge the Federal Government to pass the funds directly to those juristictions that will be directly responsible for carrying out President Clinton's Crime Bill with a minimum of inhibiting or cumbersome requirements. I urge the federal governmnet to allow local communities to tailor programs to unique local needs.

The City Council joins the Criminal Justice Cabinet and the County Board of Supervisors in requesting that these crime prevention funds be allocated in a manner which provides the maximum amount of flexibility and discretion at the local level.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

JOE SERNA, JR.
Mayor

c: Criminal Justice Cabinet
Sacramento City Council

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WHEREAS, the participating agencies to the Criminal Justice Cabinet (Mayor of the City of Sacramento, Sacramento's City Manager, City of Sacramento Police Department, representative of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Sacramento County Executive, Sacramento Superior and Municipal Courts, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Sacramento County District Attorney, Sacramento County Probation Department, Department of Medical Systems, Department of Human Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services, representatives from the Cities of Folsom, Isleton and Galt and a representative from the California State Legislature)

WHEREAS, members of the Criminal Justice Cabinet representing County and Cities of Sacramento, Folsom, Galt and Isleton are dedicated to reducing crime in the County of Sacramento, and;

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Cabinet has demonstrated its ability to work together and jointly address criminal justice issues in a multitude of innovative programs making it worthy of securing full discretionary authority in its use of federal funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Council hereby strongly request that federal funding, intended for crime prevention/enforcement programs, be passed directly to the city and county agencies within the County of Sacramento which will be responsible for upholding the programs and with as much discretion as possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Mayor of the City of Sacramento is authorized to execute a latter of our legislative representatives in support.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK



