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Honorable [REDACTED]  
Los Angeles Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Supervisor [REDACTED],

We were astonished and distressed to learn that Los Angeles County is actively opposing AB 218 (Dickinson) in the state legislature as it moves through the process.

Some of the primary purposes in forming the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP) were to address the multiple barriers to the successful reintegration of formerly incarcerated persons and ensure that Los Angeles County has a community corrections system that models leading and effective practices. Finding gainful employment is one of the most important needs of this population as the Vera Institute study and other research has shown.

AB 218, if enacted, would "ban the box" that formerly incarcerated people currently have to check on employment applications at public agencies. Employers could and will continue to conduct background checks as appropriate. We strongly believe that public employers should be leaders in supporting successful reentry outcomes, and thereby reducing recidivism and enhancing public safety.

LARRP representatives would like to meet with you and your staff at your earliest convenience to understand the rationale behind your lack of support for AB 218. We believe that if you

understand the full weight of the matter, your position will be reversed. This is a “hot button” issue for many of your constituents and we assure you that they are extremely interested in passing this legislation.

Sincerely,

Cc:  
Chief Executive Officer William T. Fujioka