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Honorable Don Horsley  
President, Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County  
400 County Center, 1st Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear President Horsley:

On behalf of the Service League of San Mateo County, I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you, the Board of Supervisors, as well as the members of your Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) for approaching the challenge of Public Safety Realignment as an opportunity to undertake strategic choices that will improve the outcomes of the incarcerated. Your Board and the CCP elected to set aside \$1 million to support community-based options to improve job placement and housing for the realigned populations.

As you know, the Service League received \$300,000 award toward the purchase of transitional housing for offenders with no family connections in our community. Homeless offenders are among the most vulnerable to reoffend. I am pleased to announce that the Service League has secured all the necessary funds to purchase an appropriate facility. You are cordially invited to attend the dedication of this new transitional housing facility on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. Most befitting, this facility will be dedicated to honor and in the loving memory of our colleague and friend, Michael D. Nevin, who's heart was always with those most in need.

Speaking as a community based provider in San Mateo County I greatly appreciate your Board's forward thinking and commitment to partner in meaningful ways with us and other community-based providers. It is our hope that with the increase in State realignment funds that have been awarded the County, this set aside will not only continue, but increase in amount and expand to provide additional resources for equally important efforts, such as case management services. A coordinated case management service strategy for the realigned populations would contribute to better outcomes, as well as a more efficient and effective use of limited resources.

Again on behalf of the Service League of San Mateo County, congratulations for funding the Public Safety Realignment Innovation Fund to foster new strategies and partnerships among public safety community-based providers. These funds have already contributed to important housing and job training and placement success in San Mateo County. Proudly, we believe "Mike's House" will stand out as an outstanding example of this successful partnership.

Sincerely,

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