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Via Electronic Mail Only

The Honorable Gavin Newsom

Governor of California
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Subject: Request for State Investment in a NorCal Male Community Reentry Program

Dear Governor Newsom,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that you include funding in the proposed 2026-27 State Budget to expand and modernize Male Community Reentry Programs (MCRPs) through a new regional county/state partnership model that advances rehabilitation, improves public safety, and restores lives.

Male Community Reentry Programs have a proven record of success. A 2021 Stanford Public Policy study found that participants who remain in MCRPs for at least nine months were 13% less likely to be rearrested and 11% less likely to be reconvicted after one year. These results demonstrate that investment in well-structured reentry programs leads to measurable improvements in public safety and successful reintegration into the community. Since launching in 2015, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has operated MCRPs in several locations across multiple counties, yet Northern California currently lacks comparable access.

To address this gap, Shasta County proposes to open a regional reentry facility that would serve multiple Northern California counties, including Siskiyou County. The facility would provide 100 beds, with 60 for state-supervised individuals and 40 for county-supervised individuals, and offer comprehensive evidence-based programming. This state-county collaboration would aim to reduce recidivism, relieve pressure on local jails, and improve long-term reintegration outcomes for individuals returning to the community.

Property for the proposed site has been secured in Shasta County and a Request for Proposals RFP for qualified MCRP providers is imminent. We are already in discussions with the Amity Foundation, an experienced operator of CDCR contracted MCRPs, regarding facility construction and program management.

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This initiative represents a forward-looking, results-driven model of regional collaboration that can serve as a blueprint for other rural and mid-sized counties across California. By aligning corrections, probation, behavioral health, and workforce development systems, we can support individuals exiting incarceration in building stable and productive lives thereby generating long-term public safety and economic benefits for our communities.

We urge your leadership in ensuring that regional county/state reentry partnerships are included as a funded priority in the January 10, 2026 Governor's Budget.

Sincerely,

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