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REF: ***The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act***

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Deputy Sheriffs' Association, we are proud to support *The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act.*, that will address many of the unintended consequences of Proposition 47 passed in 2014.

The DSA recognizes the significance of *The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act* as it aligns with our commitment to preserving public safety and responding effectively to emerging criminal trends impacting our communities.

The DSA appreciates the nuanced approach to justice which allows for discretion in sentencing based on the specific circumstances of each case. This flexibility supports a fair and equitable legal system that considers varying degrees in criminal offenses. The DSA believes *The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act* will enhance public safety and address the evolving challenges faced by our department, and all law enforcement agencies across California.

Addressing the unintended consequences of Proposition 47 is critical, however, moving forward, we must also ensure that proper foundations are in place for restorative, rehabilitative care – and that starts with providing infrastructure, programs, and increased sworn staffing to safely operate local detention facilities.

County funding is needed to build and enhance local jails and to hire additional sworn staff to safely manage and care for our incarcerated population.

With that, the San Diego County Deputy Sheriffs' Association supports *The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act* to promote accountability and rehabilitative care as we look to restore public safety and our quality of life.

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