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The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo
State Capitol Room 2032
1315 10 Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Durazo:

I am writing in response to your letter dated February 1, 2021 regarding the implementation of your measure, Senate Bill 1290, which prohibited the collection of certain county-assessed and court-ordered fees related to youth involvement in the juvenile justice system.

I share your concern about placing undue burdens on families – especially as it relates to visitation or communication with family members. The BSCC currently does not collect data about fees related to telephone or other services provided to youth. My understanding is that most juvenile facilities do not charge for such services (although facilities may limit the number of free telephone calls available). Given the concerns you raise, however, I would be pleased to place an item on the Board's agenda to discuss surveying counties to determine how prevalent this practice remains and whether the Board should take further action to limit the imposition of burdensome, cost-shifting fees.

Also, please be advised that the BSCC has no regulations that address parking services. We are aware that there are parking garages located near some juvenile detention facilities that are operated by private entities or county agencies other than the probation department; these vendors may charge fees for parking. The BSCC's regulatory authority does not extend to property or services located outside the juvenile detention facilities.

Thank you for reaching out to our office. I look forward to working with you on this important issue. My staff and I are available to discuss the work of the BSCC and how we can continue to protect and positively impact youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

Sincerely,

LINDA PENNER
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