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TO:

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair Senate Committee on Public Safety

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

SB 2211, RELATING TO THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED

PARENTS TASK FORCE

Hearing:

Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 2:45 pm

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

The Office of Youth Service (OYS) has reviewed SB 2211 which re-establishes the Children of Incarcerated Parents Task Force. The OYS was a part of the Children of Incarcerated Parents Task Force from its inception in 2005 to its end on December 31, 2007. The task force began work to identify children of incarcerated parents and programs and support services for these children and their parents.

We appreciate the intent of this bill, but we are concerned about the cost implications which are outside the Executive Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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