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July 28, 2004

GRAND JURY

Jacob Bayless, Chairman
Sonoma County Grand Jury
PO Box 5109
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Chairman Bayless:

This letter is the response to the 2003-2004 Sonoma County Grand Jury Final Report item on Juvenile Records. Specifically, I am responding to recommendation R1 of the report on Juvenile Records and the need for new legislation. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Grand Jury process.

The Legislature will complete the 2003-2004 session shortly with adjournment on August 31st. The Legislature will reconvene on December 6th and at that time new bills may be introduced. Between now and December, I will be collecting recommendations from across my district on potential legislation for the 2004-2005 Legislative Session.

I have directed my staff to investigate the issues raised by the Grand Jury Report regarding Penal Code Section 975 and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827. Upon completion of this review, I will decide whether or not a legislative remedy is an appropriate response to the matter. Also, I will keep the Sonoma County Grand Jury informed of my decision as to whether I will carry legislation on this issue.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review the situation. If I can provide any service in the meantime, please feel free to call me anytime.

Sincerely,


WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, Second District

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