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To the Members of the California State Senate:

Senate Bill 1004 authorizes a deferred entry of judgement pilot program in five counties for low-level youthful offenders between the ages of 18 and 21. The programs would allow youth to serve their sentence in a juvenile facility instead of county jail and would seal their record upon successful completion.

While this bill represents an innovative approach to addressing low-level youthful offenders, there are also other avenues worth exploring. While this is a promising start, I encourage the Legislature to look beyond deferred entry of judgement and explore options such as non-custody based diversion where appropriate.

Sincerely,


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