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June 19, 2026

The Honorable Jesse Arreguín, Chair
Senate Public Safety Committee
1020 N St. Room 545
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to AB 2108 (Sharp-Collins)

Dear Chair Arreguin:

San Joaquin County is in opposition to AB 2108 (Sharp-Collins), which undermines Proposition 36, which passed Statewide with approximately 67% of the vote and received majority approval in every California county. Voters were clear: repeat theft offenders should face meaningful consequences, and the cycle of endless, consequence-free theft needed to end. AB 2108 moves in the opposite direction.

AB 2108 creates a sweeping and overly broad diversion eligibility scheme for theft-related offenses, including petty theft, shoplifting, grand theft, receiving stolen property, and vandalism, while conspicuously failing to disqualify individuals with prior theft convictions. This omission is not incidental. It directly conflicts with the core purpose of Proposition 36, which specifically targets repeat offenders. By ignoring prior theft history, AB 2108 reopens the very loopholes voters sought to close.

While the AB 2108 attempts to preserve Proposition 36 by excluding individuals “charged pursuant to Section 666.1, this protection is illusory. AB 2108 does not exclude individuals who qualify as repeat offenders under Proposition 36—it only excludes those actually charged under that section. This creates a clear pathway to avoid Proposition 36 entirely through charging decisions, thereby diverting repeat offenders rather than holding them accountable. In practice, this bill invites the erosion of Proposition 36 on a case-by-case basis across the State.

For these reasons, San Joaquin County respectfully urge your and the committee's no vote on AB 2108.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sukhminder S. Dhaliwal, Chair
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

c: Members of the Senate Public Safety Committee
San Joaquin County State Legislative Delegation