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Ms. Paula Higashi  
Executive Director  
Commission on State Mandates  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Higashi:

The Kern County District Attorney's Office supports SB90 Reasonable Reimbursement Methodology (RRM) which creates a reasonable reimbursement rate for counties that represent the People of California in civil firearms hearings.

It is not feasible for a county to go back seven or eight years to document actual expenditures for these hearings. In Kern County, hours spent on a case are not documented as they are in the private sector. It is therefore our belief that the reimbursement rates proposed in SB90 are the most efficient way calculate this county's costs for conducting firearms hearings.

Sincerely,

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