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RE: Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee Response

Dear Mr. Haines:

In response to Chairman Sarlo's May 24, 2018 letter requesting a written response to the question raised by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on May 17, 2018, I offer the following:

Senator Thompson

Request: In your testimony you indicated that "using calendar year 2000 as a baseline, a reduction of 28,210 parole revocations have been achieved." Please explain how this statistic was calculated, and please indicate why the year 2000 was chosen as the baseline year.

Response: In the year 2000 there were 4,049 parole revocations. The 4,049 number in 2000 is similar to prior year numbers. The 28,210 number is derived from taking the difference of the 4,049 baseline and the actual number of revocations for each subsequent year. For instance, in 2006 there were 2,763 revocations which resulted in 1,286 fewer revocations for that year. In 2017 there were 1,699 revocations which resulted in 2,350 fewer revocations for last year. The 28,210 number is simply the total of the reduction in revocations for each year since 2000.

The year 2000 was chosen as the base year as it represents the last year that the Division of Parole was in the Department of Corrections. Beginning in 2001 the Division of Parole, by act of legislation, was transferred from the Department of Corrections to the State Parole

Board. This autonomy enabled the agency to expand the use of alternative sanctions, community programs and evidence based supervision practices in lieu of parole revocations that had previously resulted in the re-incarceration of supervised offenders. These agency-wide efforts provided the Division of Parole with the tools and resources to safely and effectively address technical parole violations in the community as opposed to costly and ineffective parole revocations resulting in re-incarceration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr.
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