January 28, 2000

Mr. Morris Thigpen
Executive Director
National Institute of Corrections
320 First Street NW, Room 5007
Washington, D.C. 20534

Dear Mr. Thigpen:

As Governor of Colorado, I endorse and encourage the adoption of the amended and newly titled Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.

The interstate compact for the supervision of parolees and probationers was established in 1937 and has not been amended since its adoption. With the continually increasing crime rates, it is even more vital now to effectively monitor the movement of adult parolees and probationers across state lines. Yet under the existing compact, managing offender populations is becoming increasingly complex. Offenders who travel across state lines are overseen by thousands of different local parole and probation officers, who operate within hundreds of different agencies. This fragmented system makes it extremely difficult to account for all offenders since there is no national system to track the movement of offenders across state lines.

After several years of research and public hearings, as well as a study conducted by the National Institute of Corrections, it is clear that there is a need to amend the compact to create an effective management system that addresses public safety concerns and offender accountability. Therefore, I am pleased to support the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.

Sincerely,

Bill Owens
Governor
March 21, 2000

Mr. Morris L. Thigpen
Director
National Institute of Corrections
320 First Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20534

Dear Mr. Thigpen:

The National Center for Victims of Crime strongly supports the proposed Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. With an estimated quarter of a million probationers and parolees crossing state borders each year, and no unified national system to monitor their interstate movement, many offenders have been able to move without notification to the receiving state and reside in new communities with little or no supervision.

As you know, the current Interstate Compact for the Supervision of Parolees and Probationers has not been amended since its adoption over 62 years ago. Since the Compact predated most of the state laws enacted to give victims basic rights to be notified, present, and heard during the criminal justice process, and to receive restitution from convicted offenders, we are especially pleased to see that the proposed Compact addresses the implementation of victims’ rights along with public safety concerns and offender accountability.

We applaud the victim representation on both the task force that investigated the need for an amended Compact and the drafting committee. The proposed Compact gives victims meaningful roles in the membership of each State Council and on the national Interstate Commission. By including victims in the activities of these governing bodies, we are confident victims’ perspectives will be considered as the new Compact is implemented nationwide.

The National Center for Victims of Crime encourages all fifty states and affected territories of the United States to adopt the new, amended Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.

Best wishes,

Susan Herman
Whereas: The interstate compact for the supervision of Parolees and Probationers was established in 1937, it is the earliest corrections "compact" established among the states and has not been amended since its adoption over 62 years ago;

Whereas: This compact is the only vehicle for the controlled movement of adult parolees and probationers, and it currently has jurisdiction over more than a quarter of a million offenders;

Whereas: The complexities of the compact have become more difficult to administer, and many jurisdictions have expanded supervision expectations to include currently unregulated practices such as sex offender registration and victim notification requirements.

Whereas: After hearings, national surveys, and a detailed tidy by a task force appointed by the National Institute of Corrections, the overwhelming recommendation has been to amend the document to bring about a more effective compact that addresses the public safety concerns and offender accountability;

Be it resolved: That the International Community Corrections Association endorse and pledge its support to this effort-to amend the compact.

Passed by unanimous vote of the Board on March 10, 1999.

Richard J. Billak, Ph.D.
President
AMERICAN CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION (ACA)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE
INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE SUPERVISION
OF PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS

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Be it resolved: That the ACA endorse and pledge its support to this effort to amend the compact.

Passed: January 1999
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AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,
That the Board of Directors of the American Probation and Parole Association hereby endorses and recommends adoption of the amended and newly titled Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision by 50 states and affected territories of the United States of America on this, the first day of November, 1999.
The Council of State Governments
Executive Committee

“Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision”

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the Council of State Governments’ Corrections and Public Safety Task Force endorse and recommends adoption of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision by all member states and territories.

Adopted December 1999, CSG Annual Meeting & State Leadership Forum