EL DORADO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

TO: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Gregory S. Sly, Chief Probation Officer

DATE: July 11, 2012

RE: Care Giver Permit Process and Application

Please accept this letter as my support for the new proposed Care Giver Permit Process and Application your Board will review on Jul 17, 2012. I am required to be working in Southern California on July 17th, and therefore will not be able to attend the meeting of the Board that day. I have been involved in the planning stages of this proposal and very strongly support both the need for the Care Giver Permit Program and the recommendations within the proposal for plan implementation.

Public safety is a primary focus of the Probation Department's mission and goals. Safety of our senior citizens and community members who require in-home care is very important. My staff and I are aware of numerous circumstances where convicted felons have gained employment in in-home care services. The community members who require care in their homes are very vulnerable under such care and at times become victims of criminal acts by those they come in contact with, receive care from, or come to trust within the home.

The Care Giver Permit Process and Application Program will enhance the security and safety for those requiring in-home care and also provide a tool by which local law enforcement and the Probation Department can support the safety of some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to supporting this program if/when it is implemented in El Dorado County.

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