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HARMAN NAMED LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY STATE COALITION OF PROBATION ORGANIZATIONS



SACRAMENTO--Senator Tom Harman (R-Huntington Beach) announced today that he has been named 'Legislator of the Year' for 2007 by the State Coalition of Probation Organizations (SCOPO). The award acknowledges Harman's leadership in the Senate and his outstanding advocacy on behalf of those who work in public safety.

"I am honored to be recognized by the State Coalition of Probation Organizations and to be selected to receive this award," Harman commented. "It is important that the Legislature focus on providing law enforcement with the tools they need to keep our communities safe."

Elected to the Legislature in 2000, Senator Harman has always considered criminal justice to be a top priority. During the 2007 legislative session, he introduced a package of bills designed to aid in the enforcement and prosecution of crimes committed by gang members and sexually violent predators.

"Senator Harman continues to be a strong supporter of probation youth programs," said William Harper, Jr., President of SCOPO. "His understanding of the value of youth camps and the re-education of youth back into the community, including job and life skills is priceless. We in probation wanted to give the Senator a token of our appreciation."

"I remain committed to championing key issues on behalf of law enforcement," said Harman. "I look forward to continuing to work with probation officers, both in my district and up and down the state."

SCOPO is a statewide organization that represents and assists probation officers at the state level through legislative action, education and coalition building, while offering leadership and support to local probation organizations

For more information about the State Coalition of Probation Organizations, please visit their web site at: <http://www.scopo.org>.

Senator Harman represents the cities of Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Rossmoor, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Irvine, Cypress, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Laguna Beach, Dana Point and portions of Buena Park, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and Westminster.

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