



June 23, 2023

The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom  
 The Honorable Senators Nancy Skinner, María Elena Durazo  
 The Honorable Assemblymembers Phil Ting, Mia Bonta  
 California State Capitol  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: REJECT SB 2 Trailer Bill Language; PROTECT Transparency**

Dear Governor Newsom, Chairs Skinner, Ting, Bonta, and Durazo,

We are a broad coalition of civil rights, liberties, racial justice, open-government, and press groups; each stakeholders in the movement to achieve greater transparency and true community safety. We are strongly opposed to the Governor’s efforts to unwind the delicately negotiated language of SB 2 (Bradford, 2021) via trailer bill language. Proposed [Government Code Section 7923.601\(SB 2 TBL\)](#) is a striking example of the danger of this approach—the **SB 2 TBL would deny promised transparency into the decertification process.**

Under the SB 2 TBL, POST can ignore all PRA requests for disclosable records in its custody connected to its certification and decertification duties, including records related to:

- physical abuse resulting in death or serious bodily injury
- sustained incidents of sexual assault against a member of the public
- demonstrated bias and other problematic moral character
- criminal conviction data

Until 2019, California was [one of the most secretive states](#) when it came to police records. **Please do not take the state backwards with respect to law enforcement transparency.** Reject the SB 2 TBL.

Sincerely,

Alliance of Boys and Men of Color	Friends Committee on Legislation of California
ACLU California Action	Freedom of Information Committee, Society of Professional Journalists Northern California
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) Action	First Amendment Coalition
Anti-Police Terror Project	Justice Teams Network
Black Lives Matter- CA	Lift Up Contra Costa
Bay Rising	Reimagine Antioch
Californians Aware	Safe Return Project
California Newspaper Association	San Francisco Public Defender
California Public Defenders Association	Sister Warrior Freedom Coalition
Californians for Safety and Justice	Smart Justice California
Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ)	Youth Justice Coalition
Drug Policy Alliance	
East Bay Community Law Center	
East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy	

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