



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 622 without my signature, as I am concerned its goal of providing for state investigations of deaths of individuals under federal custody will not be achieved.

The Trump Administration has weaponized our immigration and detention systems for political gain, demonizing migrants and asylum seekers and instilling fear in immigrant communities. Time and time again, we have seen reports of deplorable living conditions, disease outbreaks and human rights abuses in these detention centers.

That is why California is leading by prohibiting private, for-profit prisons and detention facilities. I believe that closing these facilities needs to be our focus as it is the best way to address these injustices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom

