



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2632 without my signature.

This bill would establish rules governing the use of segregated confinement within prisons, jails, and detention facilities.

I have prioritized improving the conditions within custodial settings, and I support limiting the use of segregated confinement. Segregated confinement is ripe for reform in the United States -- and the same holds true in California. AB 2632, however, establishes standards that are overly broad and exclusions that could risk the safety of both the staff and incarcerated population within these facilities. Specifically, this bill would categorically prohibit the placement of large portions of the incarcerated population in segregated housing-- even if such a placement is to protect the safety of all incarcerated individuals in the institution. I am additionally concerned that the restrictions in this bill could interrupt the rehabilitation efforts of other incarcerated people and the staff at these facilities.

But in light of the deep need to reform California's use of segregated confinement, I am directing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to develop regulations that would restrict the use of segregated confinement except in limited situations, such as where the individual has been found to have engaged in violence in the prison. To this end, when placement in segregated confinement is necessary, these regulations must include utilization of small group yards, when feasible and



available, and development of a positive behavioral model to aid in rehabilitation efforts.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and extends horizontally across the page.