

[Insert Date], 2018

The Honorable Tony Thurmond  
State Capitol, Room 4005  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2303: Taxation: Prison Contracts: Goods and Services (Thurmond)—SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Thurmond:

The [insert name of organization] is proud to support AB 2303, which provides a revenue stream for incarceration prevention programs like preschool and after-school programs. The bill re-directs money generated by for-profit prisons into a state fund dedicated to reducing incarceration rates.

California will spend \$4.5 billion on contracts with for-profit companies in the corrections budget. In comparison, the state spends very little on preschool and after-school programs.

Private prison companies continue to generate extraordinary profits as a result of high incarceration rates. Since the election of President Trump, private prison companies have seen a dramatic increase in their stock prices, even as they face continued allegations of mismanagement and prisoner mistreatment.

AB 2303 will help decrease California's incarceration rates by providing funding for programs that decrease the likelihood that an individual will come into contact with the criminal justice system. Further, it does so by only affecting private prisons that profit financially from an individual's incarceration.

This bill is will greatly benefit our kids and our communities. For the above stated reasons, [insert name of organization] is a proud supporter of AB 2303 and asks for your "aye" vote when the measure is before you.

Sincerely,