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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 1282 (Kalra)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 1282, which prohibits an officer, employee, contractor, or employee of a contractor of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from facilitating or allowing entry onto the department's premises or otherwise authorizing an employee or contractor of a private security company to arrest, detain, interrogate, transport, or take into custody an individual in the department's custody for immigration enforcement purposes.

Individuals in state prison have, by definition, been convicted of a "serious" felony, a "violent" felony, are required to register as sex offenders upon release, or have been convicted of other specified felonies. They are the most serious and repeat felons in California's criminal justice system. As such, it makes no sense to impose barriers to their deportation by attempting to hinder immigration law.

In addition, the author's stated intent is to address the use of a particular private contractor by federal agencies. However, this bill does not achieve that goal. If the author is seeking to change a federal contract or address a perceived violation of federal law, the appropriate solution is not to enact a state law intended to complicate state and federal interactions. Rather, this should be handled through an action of the federal government or court system.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Grove', written in a cursive style.

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader