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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
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RE: Recommended Veto of AB 484 (Jones-Sawyer)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 484, which makes an existing mandatory 180-days in jail permissive instead of mandatory for a person convicted of transporting or selling heroin, cocaine, or "crack" cocaine when they are granted probation.

Implementing a measure that would lessen the impact of a conviction on drug dealers selling heroin while we are facing a national opioid epidemic would seem to be an odd policy goal. Recognizing that fact, this bill is unnecessary as existing law already authorizes the court to waive the mandatory jail sentence when it is appropriately in the interests of justice due to unusual circumstances.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannon Grove  
Senate Republican Leader