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

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 668 (Gonzalez)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 668, which provides that a person shall not be subject to civil arrest of any type in a courthouse while attending a court proceeding or having other legal business in the courthouse.

This bill is unworthy of your signature because it unlawfully attempts to interfere with the powers of the federal government over immigration. As the Supreme Court has observed, the powers of federal government over immigration are “extensive and complex” and provide immigration officials with “broad discretion” over when an alien may be removed. *Arizona v. United States* (2012) 567 U.S. 387, 366-67. Because this bill attempts to impose an obstacle as to when immigration officials may exercise their power to civilly remove an alien, it conflicts with the plenary powers of the federal government over immigration and is unconstitutional under the Supremacy Clause. *Hines v. Davidowitz* (1940) 312 U.S. 52, 67.

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