



Postcard to legislators OR letter to the editor
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Hold County Sheriff's Offices Accountable for Jail Deaths

Background:

[Reporting by the San Diego Union Tribune](#) has exposed excessive inmate deaths at county jails. California Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, has proposed a bill, Senate Bill 519, that would give county supervisors unsatisfied with jail conditions the authority to take control of the facilities.

Suggested text:

Honorable Assemblymember/Senator [last name only]

As your constituent from [Zip], I urge you to support Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins Senate Bill 519, to hold county sheriffs more accountable for jail deaths. County supervisors should have the authority to oversee conditions in county jails.

*Respectfully,
[Your full name]*

If you live in Senate District 39, you can also write to thank Senator Atkins for introducing this bill:

Thank you, Senator Atkins, for introducing Senate Bill 519 which would hold county sheriffs more accountable for jail deaths. I support your legislation which would ensure that would give county supervisors the authority to oversee conditions in county jails.

Suggested recipients

[Your California State Assemblymember and Senator](#)