



Postcard to legislators, February 2023

Support for AB 268, the “Saving Lives in Custody Act”

Action: Write to your California Assemblymember, State Senator and Governor Newsom in support of [AB 268](#)

Background:

[Excessive in-custody deaths in jails](#) – particularly those in San Diego County – have been documented for several years. This bill calls for the addition of 2 members to the Board of State and Community Corrections – a licensed health care provider and a licensed mental health care provider. It also requires the board to adopt regulations pertaining to standards of care for incarcerated persons with mental health issues by local correctional facilities, including requirements for training of correctional staff, requirements for mental health screening, and requirements for safety checks of incarcerated persons.

Suggested text:

Dear _____,

The number of in custody deaths in California correctional institutions is unnecessary and inhumane. Please support AB 286, which will address this problem by providing professional guidance and regulations.

*Respectfully,
[Your full name]*

Suggested recipients:

- [Your California State Assemblymember and State Senator](#)
- [Governor Gavin Newsom](#)