



June 13, 2023

The Honorable Senators Nancy Skinner, María Elena Durazo
 The Honorable Assemblymembers Phil Ting, Mia Bonta
 California State Capitol
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: REJECT SB 2 Trailer Bill Language; PROTECT Transparency

Dear Chairs Skinner, Ting, Bonta, and Durazo,

We are a broad coalition of civil rights, liberties, racial justice, open-government, and press groups; each stakeholders in the movement to achieve greater transparency and true community safety. We are strongly opposed to the Governor’s efforts to unwind the delicately negotiated language of SB 2 (Bradford, 2021) via trailer bill language. Proposed [Government Code Section 7923.601\(SB 2 TBL\)](#) is a striking example of the danger of this approach—the **SB 2 TBL would deny promised transparency into the decertification process.**

Under the SB 2 TBL, POST can ignore all PRA requests for disclosable records in its custody connected to its certification and decertification duties, including records related to:

- physical abuse resulting in death or serious bodily injury
- sustained incidents of sexual assault against a member of the public
- demonstrated bias and other problematic moral character
- criminal conviction data

Until 2019, California was [one of the most secretive states](#) when it came to police records. **Please do not take the state backwards with respect to law enforcement transparency.** Reject the SB 2 TBL.

Sincerely,

Alliance of Boys and Men of Color
ACLU California Action
Alliance of Californians for Community
Empowerment (ACCE) Action
Anti-Police Terror Project
Black Lives Matter- CA
Californians Aware
California Newspaper Association
California Public Defenders Association
Californians for Safety and Justice
Communities United for Restorative
Youth Justice (CURYJ)

Drug Policy Alliance
East Bay Community Law Center
Freedom of Information Committee, Society
of Professional Journalists Northern
California
First Amendment Coalition
Justice Teams Network
Lift Up Contra Costa
Safe Return Project
San Francisco Public Defender
Sister Warrior Freedom Coalition
Smart Justice California
Youth Justice Coalition

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