



March 9, 2022

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Senate President Pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Atkins,

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Assembly Member Anthony Rendon

1021 O Street, Suite 8330

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Speaker Rendon,

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CA Senate Majority Leader Robert Hertzberg
1021 O Street, Suite 8610
Sacramento, CA 95814

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CA Senate Minority Leader Scott Wilk
1021 O Street, Suite 7640
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Assembly Member Laurie Davies
1021 O Street, Suite 4720
Sacramento, CA 95814

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CA Senate Patricia Bates
1021 O Street, Room 7130
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