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May 19, 2023

Honorable Assemblymember Chris Holden
1021 O Street, Suite 5650
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 280 (Holden, *Bryan, Kalra, and Weber*) Related to segregated confinement. SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Holden:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to strongly support Assembly Bill 280.

AB 280 attempts to lessen the onerous mental and physical effects of segregated confinement, better known as “solitary confinement.” This bill prohibits its use on individuals under the age of 26, or over 59 years of age. It further requires facilities to maximize out-of-cell time by providing outdoor and indoor recreation, education, and clinically appropriate treatment therapies.

The bill also requires all institutions using this procedure to develop written, *publicly* available, segregated confinement policies and procedures, and the documentation of all uses of this inhumane practice. *In addition to the written procedures developed by the various detention facilities, the state should develop some statewide standardized procedures.*

The California Peace and Freedom Party opposes any use of “solitary confinement” but does support this effort to minimize its harmful effects until this barbarous practice is ended.

For these reasons we support AB 280. To discuss our position on this bill further, please contact me at 916-207-4595 (mobile) or reigers@earthlink.net

Sincerely,

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