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September 5, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Signing Request – Senate Bill 1043**

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 1043.

This bill, if implemented, will require the State Department of Social Services (CDSS) to create and post a public internet dashboard that displays incident data on seclusion or behavioral restraints in short-term residential therapeutic programs (STRTPs).

Disability rights and children's groups support increased transparency and accountability regarding the use of restraints and seclusion rooms in these programs. While we trust and support the critical services these programs provide, it is essential to maintain adequate oversight mechanisms to defend against potential abuse.

Short-term residential therapeutic programs are meant to serve and care for youth struggling with mental health problems which often stem from previous trauma. This bill will help lawmakers and agencies prevent additional trauma in the lives of these children and help better inform future strategies for care.

I thank you for your consideration, I respectfully request that you sign SB-1043. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto  
Senator, 32<sup>nd</sup> District