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September 10, 2025

Governor Gavin Newsom
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Signing Request – Senate Bill 380

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 380.

This bill, if implemented, will require the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) to conduct a study on the benefits and feasibility of establishing transitional housing facilities for Sexually Violent Predators (SVPs) placed in the community under the Conditional Release Program.

As detailed in the State Auditor's report and echoed by stakeholders such as Crime Victims United, the placement process is plagued by complex public safety requirements, a scarcity of willing property owners, and strong community opposition. These challenges have created gridlock, with average placement times of 16–17 months, far longer than the 30 days required by law. Without a comprehensive evaluation of state-owned transitional housing, the Legislature cannot make informed decisions on public safety measures or resource allocation.

SB-380 ensures DSH fully examines this option and submits its findings by January 1, 2027, as recommended by the Auditor. This evidence will help improve the efficiency of SVP placements while protecting the safety of California communities.

I respectfully request that you sign SB-380, and I thank you for your time to read this letter. 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
Senate District 32