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Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about private prisons. Thank you for your strong support of AB32, last years SB29 and the rapid reduction in California's private prison population. The rise of private prisons such as Core Civic and GEO was quickly found to be an unsatisfactory solution to our shocking incarceration rate. Being motivated by profit it is prone to minimal staffing and staff training along with such abuses as forced labor, extensive solitary confinement, poor food and little health care all while these two companies have become major political donors. As General Becerra reported in February similar abuse of administratively detained immigrants also continues and I am pleased to see you setting the example for states to stop their complicity in this travesty. I do however remain concerned about local contracting of some detention activities as an end run around these new laws.

Thank you for leading the charge against private incarceration.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our national leadership.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson