

REIN IN POLICE ABUSE!

**TAKE ACTION NOW TO ENSURE LAW ENFORCEMENT
INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN CALIFORNIA.**

August 19, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, California State Assembly
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Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
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The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 731 (Bradford), SB 776 (Skinner)

Dear Governor Newsom, Speaker Rendon, Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer, and Assembly Member Cooley,

Occasionally, we are presented with an opportunity to make a genuine difference in the lives of millions. It may have taken the glare of a national spotlight to bring us to the threshold of change regarding abuse and injustice within law enforcement, but the moment is here. On behalf of all of us in the music and entertainment communities, we are asking you to seize that moment by passing Senate Bill 731 and Senate Bill 776.

While the killing of George Floyd inspired sustained outrage, protests, and reporting, the people of California have long understood the need to properly address the actions and accountability of police. For too long, courts have undermined the intent of the State's laws, allowing bad police officers to violate the rights of those they are meant to protect. In addition, a lack of transparency and a deficient recordation system has shielded officers who abuse their authority and tarnish the integrity of California's law enforcement. We can fix this.

SB 776 will establish the transparency and reporting needed to ensure that officers who engage in wrongful activity are removed – and kept – from these valued law enforcement positions.

SB 731 will implement an effective system to revoke an officer's certification based on criminal conviction and certain acts of serious misconduct and will also reinstate the original objective of the Bane Act to properly protect the civil rights of all California citizens.

Fixing the Bane Act will give closure and relief to families like that of 19-year-old Pedro Villanueva, an avid guitar player who was killed by police who fired indiscriminately from an unmarked car into his friend's truck, in which he was a passenger. Families like that of Steven Schiltz, killed by police for holding a stick near a softball field after arriving to play a game. Families of Frankie Greer (military veteran and successful professional drummer), Luke Smith, Mauricio Barron, and to so many others who have faced – and will face – violations of their civil rights without any recourse.

These bills are meaningful responses to a critical problem and glaring inequity in our law, reflecting the Legislative Black Caucus's efforts at reform. California is renowned for seizing those opportunities that make a genuine difference and must not abandon its stature here. We implore you to vote "Yes" on SB 731 and SB 776.

cc: Honorable Members, California State Assembly
Gregory Pagan, Chief Consultant, Assembly Public Safety Committee
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Sincerely,

Artists and Actors – Alphabetical

Black

99 Neighbors

Aaron Parks

Abraham Boyd - Infinity's Song

Adeniyi Adelekan

Adrian Oropeza (After The Burial)

Adrienne Lenker

AJ McLean

AJR

Alain Macklovitch (A-Trak)

Alana Rocklin (STS9)

Alex Deleon (Bohnes)

Alexander Frankel

Ali Tamposi

Alisa Ramirez, Cristal Ramirez, Katie Henderson & McKenna Petty p/k/a The Aces

Alissa Violet

Allison Statter

Aloe Blacc

Aluna / AlunaGeorge

Aluna Francis

Alvin Worthy (Westside Gunn)

Alyssa Milano

Amanda Fairey

Anastasia Karanikolaou

Anderson. Paak (talent)

Andrew Bazzi pka Bazzi
Andrew Glass (We Came As Romans)
Andrew Thomas
Angel Boyd - Infinity's Song
Angela Aguilar
Angie Martinez
Animal Collective
Anitta
Anthony Notarmaso (After The Burial)
Anthony Russo
Aqil Davidson
Ariel Rechtshaid
Arunan Balasurbramanian (Saves the Day)
ASAP Ferg
Ashley Dyke
Asian Doll
Avey Tare
Barfbag
Barrie Lindsay
Ben Schneider, Miguel Briseno, Tom Renaud & Mark Barry p/k/a Lord Huron
Benjamin Gebert (Haerts)
Bernie Taupin
Best Coast
Beth Elliott
Big Thief
Big Wild
Billie Eilish
Billy Porter
Bishop Briggs
Blondie
Bob Moses
Bobby McKeon (4B)
Boogie
Bradley Walden (Emarosa)
Brennan Savage
Brian Fallon (Gaslight Anthem)
Brian Tyree-Henry
Brian Weitz (Geologist)
Bryan Giles
Bryce Love
CAKE
Camryn Manheim
Carlos Cid pka Cid
Carlos Perez
Chantel Jeffries
Charlie Sloth
Charly Bliss
Chase B

Chino Braxton
chloe mk (Chloe Kohanski)
Chris Chalk
Chris Georggin (Pat Magnarella Management – PMMLA)
Chris Howorth (In This Moment)
Chris Sullivan
Chrissy Metz
Christina DiBiase
Christina Gebert (Haerts)
Christopher Conley (Saves the Day)
Claire Boucher p/k/a Grimes
Clarissa Molina
Claudio Olachea
Claudio Rivera (Saves the Day)
Claudio Sanchez (Coheed and Cambria)
Clayton Stevens (Touché Amoré)
ClickNPress
Cole Whittle
Cory Henry
Courtney Amis
Creighton Irons
Curtis Peoples
Cynthia Erivo
Damon Sharpe
Dan Carle (After The Burial)
Danielle Brisebois
Danny K. Bernstine
Danny Rukasin (Best Friends Music)
Darius Scott
Dave Burd (Lil Dicky)
Dave Stephens (We Came As Romans)
David A. Stewart
David Ben-David
David Biral
David Dastmalchian
David Guetta
David Phipps (STS9)
David Portner (Avey Tare)
David Puckett (We Came As Romans)
David Sitek (TV on the Radio)
David Styles (The Lox)
Dawn Landes
deadmau5
Deal Casino (Joe Parella, Joe Cowell, Jon Rodney)
Death Cab for Cutie
DeathbyRomy
Debbie Hennessey
Debra Messing

Desmond Jackson
Diamonte Harper pka Saweetie
Diana Navarro
Dillon Francis
Dinah Jane
DJ Battlecat
DJ Pauly D
Don Toliver
Dorothy Martin - Dorothy
DRAM
Dre Skull
Dylan Bauld (flor)
Earnest White (Emarosa)
Earth, Wind & Fire: Phillip Bailey, Verdine White & Ralph Johnson
Eddie Vedder
EDEN
Electric Guest - Asa Taccone
Elizabeth Johnston
Elliot Babin (Touché Amoré)
Elohim
Emily King
Erick Hansel (Chon)
Esiah Camarena (Chon)
Evange Livanos (Public Consumption, Alternate Side)
Finneas O'Connell
Flavia Watson
Freddie Kennett (Louis The Child)
Future
Gabbie Hanna
Garret Dillahunt
Gata
Gavin Casewell (Senses Fail)
Gilligan Moss
Glenn Davis
grandson
Greg Styliadess (Senses Fail)
Gunna
Hailey Bieber
Hunter Brown (STS9)
Ibtihaj Muhammad
Israel Boyd - Infinity's Song
Ivan Barias
Jack Johnson
Jacob Banks
Jacoby Shaddix (Papa Roach)
Jaden "jxdn" Hossler
Jaime Meline (El-p of Run the Jewels)
Jaleel Bunton (TV on the Radio)

Jamari Jones
James Blake
James Nielsen (Senses Fail)
Jason George
Jason Milbank (Senses Fail)
Jason Phillips (The Lox)
Javier Reyess (Animals As Leaders)
Jay Gwuapo
Jeffree Lerner (STS9)
Jennah Bell
Jeremie Pennick (Benny The Butcher)
Jeremy Bolm (Touché Amoré)
Jerry Horton (Papa Roach)
Jessica Rodriguez
Jessie Reyez
Jetsonmade
Jill McCormick
Jobeth Williams
Joe Goldberg
Joe Jackson
Joe Perry
Joe Young
Joey Ryan (The Milk Carton Kids)
John C Riley
John Harris
Joji
Jojo
Jon Michael Hill
Jonas Brothers
Jordy van Egmond (Dyro)
José James
Joseph Cartagena (Fat Joe)
Joseph Mulherin (nothing,nowhere.)
Josh Eppard (Coheed and Cambria)
Josh Gad
Josh Kear
Josh Neuman
Josh Richards
Josh Ritter
Joshua Dibb (Deakin)
Joshua Moore (We Came As Romans)
Journey
Jozzy
Julian Okwara
Justin Hartley
K.D. Chalk
Kahbran White
Kaitlyn Aurelia Smith

Kameron Alexander
Kamtin Mohager (The Chain Gang of 1975)
Kehlani
Keli Kickham
Kelis Rogers
Kelly Rowland
Kelsey Calemine
Kenneth Pattengale (The Milk Carton Kids)
Kiefer Sutherland
Kiernan Forbes p/k/a "AKA"
Kim Fields
Kirstin Maldonado from Pentatonix
Kristen Foster
Kyle Hill (flor)
Kyp Malone (TV on the Radio)
Lance Reddick
Lauren Jauregui
Lawrence Rothman
Layton Greene
Lee Ritenour
Leon Bridges
Leon Thomas
Leslie Odom Jr.
Lil Tjay
Loren Gray
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Luke James
Lunice Ferman Pierre (Lunice)
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Mac Powell
Mackned (William Gable)
Maeta Hall - Maeta
Mahershala Ali
Maggie Vail
Mandolyn Ludlum
Mandy Moore
Marco Masis - Tainy
Mariah Carey
Mario Camarena (Chon)
Marlanna Evans
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Martha Davis (The Motels)
Mary J. Blige
Masego
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Matthew Carlson (RIPMATTBLACK)
Matthew Hauri (Yung Gravy)
Matthew Marcellus (Emarosa)
Mckinley Kitts (flor)
Meek Mill
Megan Rapinoe
Megan RYTE
Megan Thee Stallion
Meghan Trainor
Michael Bennett
Michelle Williams
Migos
Miguel
Mike Elizondo
Mike Farrell
Milo Ventimiglia
Misterwives
MK (Marc Kinchen)
Money Marr
Monica Lewinsky
Morgan Kibby (White Sea)
Nana Kwabena Tuffuor
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Nathan Camarena (Chon)
Nathan Fox
Nedarb (Braden Morgan)
Nick Kwiatkoski
Nick Steinhardt (Touché Amoré)
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Nicole Bus
NIKI
Nile Rodgers
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Normani Hamilton pka Normani
ODESZA (Harrison Mills & Clayton Knight)
Offset
Oliver Riot
Olivia O'Brien
Om'Mas Keith
Omar Offendum
Onyx Collective
Panda Bear
Papa Roach
Parson James
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Pepe Aguilar

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Poo Bear
Post Malone
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Rihanna
Rinzen
Robby Hauldren (Louis The Child)
Robert De Niro
Robert Glasper
Robert Joffred (Emarosa)
Robin Thicke
Rock Mafia
Rodrigo Palma (Saves the Day)
Role Model (Tucker Pillsbury)
Romeo Okwara
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RZA
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Scott Holiday (Rival Sons)
Seal
Sean Astin
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