




Take Action and tell Governor Newsom to sign AB 2644 into law!



AB 2644: Juvenile Custodial Interrogations Bill
 prohibits law enforcement from using threats, physical harm, deception, or psychologically manipulative tactics during an interrogation of persons 17 years or younger.

According to the Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth (CWCY), false confessions are one of the leading causes of wrongful convictions, accounting for roughly 25% of all convictions that were later overturned based on DNA evidence. This bill will further a national movement to confront this issue of law enforcement's use of deceptive interrogation tactics on youth.

Here is what you can do to show your support for AB 2644:

1. Share the messages and images [below](#) and be sure to tag Governor @GavinNewsom and @CAGovernor
2. Use the sample letter/email [template](#) to contact the Governor

Shareable links below:	Download these images or video to add to your posts:	Sample caption for Instagram and other platforms:
<p>Click to tweet</p> <p>Link to AB 2644 Video on Youtube: https://youtu.be/4I9KkTRfP4I</p>	<p>Governor Newsom sign AB 2644 into law!</p> <p>AB 2644: Juvenile Custodial Interrogations Bill prohibits law enforcement from using threats, physical harm, deception, or psychologically manipulative tactics during an interrogation of persons 17 years or younger.</p>  <p>Download Image or Video Tag @ca_innocencecoa</p>	<p>#AB2466 prohibits law enforcement from using interrogation tactics on minors that are most high risk for resulting in a false confession. @GavinNewsom, sign AB 2644 into law to protect against wrongful convictions and ensure justice for victims and survivors! #CAinnocencecoalition #reform @CAGovernor</p>

<p>Click to tweet</p> <p>Link to AB 2644 Video on Youtube: https://youtu.be/4I9KkTRfP4I</p>	<p>Governor Newsom sign AB 2644 into law!</p> <p>Citing the Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth, the U.S. Supreme Court concluded in 2011 that the risk of false confession is "all the more troubling...and all the more acute" when the subject of custodial interrogation is a juvenile.</p> <p>AB 2644 Juvenile Custodial Interrogations Bill prohibits law enforcement from using deceptive tactics on minors during an interrogation.</p>   <p>Download Image or Video</p> <p>Tag @ca_innocencecoa</p>	<p>False confessions are one of the leading causes of wrongful convictions. And youth are more likely to falsely confess due to deceptive and coercive interrogation tactics.</p> <p>@GovernorNewsom sign #AB2644 into law, there is no justice for anyone when a wrongful conviction occurs.</p> <p>#reform #CAinnocencecoalition @CAGovernor</p>
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[AB 2644 Fact Sheet & FAQ](#)

Contact Your Governor

Write a letter/email

- Use this [link](#) to contact the governor either by email or send a letter.
- If sending an email, select **AB 02644** in the **Please choose your subject:** box

Contact the Governor

Purpose of communication: Have Comment Need Help

First Name:

Last Name:

E-Mail Address:

Please choose your subject:

- Use your full name and your address (for letter).
- Use your own words. Mass correspondences from organized campaigns often use identical language and are more easily ignored.
- Timing is key so write sooner than later.
- Be clear, brief, and constructive. Identify the bill or issue of concern in the title or subject line. Provide a brief explanation of why you support the bill. If you have a personal connection, use concrete examples of how this bill would affect you, your family, community, or business.

Sample Letter/Email

[Date]

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2644 - Support

Dear Governor Newsom,

I am a resident of [city/town]. This letter is in reference to AB 2644, which is now on your desk to sign into law.

Many people are currently unjustly incarcerated due to false confessions and it is a problem that is not unique to California. Juries view a confession as a significant piece of direct evidence of one's guilt, yet struggle with understanding how someone might falsely implicate themselves or another in criminal conduct. Youth and those with developmental disabilities are more likely to falsely confess during interrogations where law enforcement used threats, physical harm, deception, or psychologically manipulative tactics. Permitting these tactics is not only harmful, but can lead to a wrongful conviction depriving justice for the innocent and the victims and survivors of crime. **[personalize with your thoughts on the issue and how they impact you personally]**. For these reasons, I strongly support AB 2644.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns on this piece of legislation.

Sincerely,
[Your name]
[Address]
[Phone number]

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