

# CA Mandela Act: AB 280

## Toolkit

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### Background

**Background on Bill:** <https://tinyurl.com/AB280Mandela>

**Cost Report:** <https://tinyurl.com/MandelaReport>

[Graphics for Social Media](#)

#### Articles:

- **LA Times** - [The fight to limit solitary confinement in California prisons is set to roil Sacramento again](#)
- **KQED** - [ICE Overusing Solitary Confinement in California, Lawmakers Worry LISTEN](#)
- **OC Register** - [As Gov. Newsom transforms San Quentin, he cannot ignore the problem of solitary confinement](#)
- **Washington Post Editorial Board** – [California has the chance to limit solitary confinement. It should take it](#)
- **New York Times** – [Will California Restrict Solitary Confinement?](#)
- **San Francisco Chronicle: Op-ed by Kevin McCarthy** - [I spent more than a decade in solitary confinement. Trust me, it's torture](#)
- **Sacramento Bee**- [California considers restricting solitary confinement. It's 'cruel,' lawmaker says](#)
- **LA Times Column**- [Solitary confinement is shrouded in secrecy and open to abuse. Why does California allow it?](#)

- **La Opinión**- [Presionan para poner fin al confinamiento prolongado en solitario en prisiones y cárceles de California](#)
- **LA Times** - [Op-Ed: Here in San Quentin, I see why solitary confinement must end](#)

!!! **TAKE ACTION USING THIS LINK** !!!

Or use the following scripts below!

### Emailing Legislators

You can [use this form](#) to auto-generate an email to the target offices, or use the email script below to send an individual email.

<p><b>Current targets:</b>  <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18MaVZ3Hz23YjxvR7XY4T0zTcRYpghfbEmNBMvjBhVAE/edit#gid=0">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18MaVZ3Hz23YjxvR7XY4T0zTcRYpghfbEmNBMvjBhVAE/edit#gid=0</a></p>	<p>You can use the following script to send an email:</p> <p>Hello, my name is <b>[NAME]</b> and I'm emailing you from <b>[ORGANIZATION/CITY]</b> to urge <b>[ELECTED OFFICIAL'S NAME]</b> to vote yes on AB 280 to limit the use of solitary confinement in California.</p> <p>AB 280 provides comprehensive solutions to the issue of solitary confinement, and protects human life and dignity in jails, prisons and detention facilities.</p> <p>This is a human rights and racial justice issue, and it is time that California joins other progressive states in passing comprehensive legislation. AB 280 will save money and save lives.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
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## Social Media

Platform	Sample Twitter Posts
<p><b>Twitter</b></p> <p><b><u>COALITION HANDLES:</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right now, people are suffering and dying in solitary confinement inside jails, prisons and immigrant detention centers in California. We need</li> </ul>

**@PrisonLaw**  
**@NextGen\_Policy**  
**@CA4ImmiJustice**  
**@DisabilityCA**  
**@NOMORESHU**  
**@BerkeleyUSI**  
**@UnlockTheBoxNow**  
**@RFKHumanRights**  
**@HaitianBridge**  
**@NRCATtweets**

**Target Handles:**

Governor Newsom  
**@GavinNewsom**

Dawn Addis  
**@AsmDawnAddis**

Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
**@AsmAguiarCurry**

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**@DrJasmeetBains**

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Damon Connolly  
**@Damon\_Connolly**

comprehensive legislation to end this inhumane practice. #AB280

- Solitary confinement is disproportionately used against people of color in this country and in California. We need to end this inhumane practice #CAMandelaAct
- Advocates across the country have been working towards ending the use of solitary confinement, we need California to join this cause. #AB280
- According to a study published by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, “States that have reduced segregation populations have found no adverse impact on institutional safety.” #CaMandelaAct
- According to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture, there should be an absolute prohibition on solitary confinement in excess of 15 days. The #AB280 does this and more. Support the #CaMandelaAct
- A study by Amnesty International found that 70% of individuals held in solitary confinement in a California prison were people of color. This is a racial justice issue. End solitary confinement now! #AB280
- Solitary confinement is unregulated, overused and ineffective. We need to limit its use and stop torture in jails, prisons and immigration detention facilities in California. #AB280
- The time is NOW to limit solitary confinement and pass #AB280
- Studies have shown that limiting solitary confinement in California can save up to \$300 million our state. Support AB 280 to save money and save lives!  
<https://tinyurl.com/MandelaReport> #AB280

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**Graphics**



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**AB 280**

**NOT SOLITARY**

**California Mandela Act**

**The California Mandela Act**

**SAVES LIVES**

**AB 280**

**SAVES MONEY**

**END Solitary Confinement**

**AB 280**

**The California  
Mandela Act**



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