

Support SB 474 (Becker) - The Basic Affordable Supplies for Incarcerated Californians Act!

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Hon. Gavin Newsom –

I am reaching out to urge you to sign SB 474 (Becker) into law. SB 474 would allow for greater access to basic food and supplies for incarcerated people in state prisons. Lowering the markup on these goods from 65% to 35% will provide relief for incarcerated people and, importantly, their loved ones at home.

According to a survey by Impact Justice, 3/5 of formerly incarcerated people said they couldn't afford canteen purchases and 75% said access to food was limited by their family's income.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) provides very basic personal care items and serves food that is lacking in quality, quantity, and nutritional value, forcing Incarcerated people to rely on overpriced food and products sold at prison canteens to meet their basic needs. In recent years, canteen prices have skyrocketed causing undue financial burden on incarcerated people and their families. This bill would save currently incarcerated people and their families millions annually, relieving tens of thousands of impoverished Californians from the burden of purchasing overpriced essential items.

[Include a brief explanation of why SB 474 is important to you or your loved ones, if applicable!]

Your signature on SB 474 will show incarcerated people and their families that you care about their ability to have basic needs met inside state prison. Please sign SB 474.

Sincerely,

[Name/City/Contact Info]