



# Peace and Freedom Party of California

## Legislative Committee

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March 30, 2019

Honorable Rob Bonta  
State Capitol, Room 2148  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0076

**Subject: AB 32 (Bonta et al) State Prisons**

**Support**

Dear Assemblymember Bonta et al,

I am writing on behalf of Peace and Freedom Party which first qualified for the ballot in California over 50 years ago. We represent poor people, especially those from ghettos and barrios, those without a voice and those without hope. For years, Peace and Freedom Party has advocated for major prison transformation, including the abolition of private prisons, long term solitary confinement, and of course, the death penalty; and providing voting rights and work with dignity. Therefore, Peace and Freedom Party supports AB 32.

AB 32 (Bonta et al) would prohibit the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from entering into or renewing contracts with private, for-profit prisons to imprison state prisoners. While Peace and Freedom Party supports AB 32, we are concerned however that contracting out is for private, for-profit prisons. Private, non-profit prison can be just as oppressive to prison inmates as for-profit Prisons. When jobs are contract out to the private sector there is no public oversight, workers lack rights and receive lower wages, prisoners are mistreated, and it costs the taxpayers more money. We would welcome either amending this bill to remove “for-profit” or introducing another bill in the future to amend the Penal Code to prohibit contracting out to private prisons.

For these and other reasons, Peace and Freedom Party of California, State Central Committee voted on March 23, 2019, to support AB 32. We will do what we can to help pass this bill. If you have any questions regarding this bill, you may contact me at (916) 422-5395 or [CTWeberVoters@att.net](mailto:CTWeberVoters@att.net).

**We urge members of the State Assembly to vote Yes on AB 32.**

Sincerely,

*CT Weber*

C. T. Weber  
Peace and Freedom Party of California  
Legislative Committee Chair

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