#FreeThemAll

Join Survived & Punished in urging Governor Gavin Newsom to decriminalize survival and COMMUTE THE SENTENCES of all survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

We also join the California Coalition for Women Prisoners in urging Gov. Newsom to end Life Without Parole sentencing. Survivors of domestic and sexual violence are particularly vulnerable to being punished with this living death sentence.

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Photos: Tomiekia Johnson, Rae Harris, Janetta Leiva, Brandy Scott, Wendy Fong, and Stacey Dyer, survivors and anti-violence leaders currently imprisoned at the Central California Women’s Facility.
THE TIME TO DECRIMINALIZE SURVIVAL IS NOW.

Dear Governor Newsom,

I join California residents urging you to commute the sentences of all criminalized survivors and to end Life Without Parole sentencing.

The vast majority of people in women's prisons, and many in men's prisons, are survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Survivors are criminalized while attempting to navigate dangerous conditions of abuse and coercion. California prisons and detention centers perpetuate cycles of violence, both through the "abuse to prison" pipeline and because they are themselves sites of systematic gendered violence. This must end.

I call on you to boldly expand the recent historic increase in commutations and pardons. As an ally to survivors of gender violence, I urge you to recognize prisons and detention centers as forms of gendered violence and commute all survivors.

Sincerely,

TO:

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