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Ms. Rebecca Schleifer
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Dear Ms. Schleifer and Ms. Parker,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on Assembly Bill 1334.

After careful consideration of both sides of this issue, I did not sign AB 1334 because the provisions of this bill would have come in conflict with existing California Penal Code, which makes sexual activity in prison unlawful. My full veto message for this legislation can be found on the Official California Legislative Information website at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>.

That said, condom distribution in prisons is not an unreasonable public policy and is consistent with the need to improve our prison health care system and overall public health, and I have directed the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to determine the risk and viability of a similar program in one state prison facility.

Your input is an important part of this debate, and I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Sincerely,


Arnold Schwarzenegger

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