

TAKE FIVE MINUTES TO STOP MANDATORY MINIMUMS FOR YOUTH

SB 838 CALL ACTION: SB 838 (Beall) would establish a new precedent for mandatory minimum sentences in the juvenile justice system, and will soon be heard in the Assembly Public Safety Committee. The Assembly Members need to know their constituents don't want mandatory minimums for youth!

Please call your Assembly Member on the Public Safety Committee and **urge him or her to vote NO** when SB 838 comes before the committee on June 17, 2014. (See call script below) If you don't live in one of these districts, your voice still matters! Call Tom Ammiano, the chair of the committee:

	District	Phone (Capitol)	Phone (District)
Tom Ammiano (Chair)	17 (San Francisco)	916-319-2017	415-557-3013
Reginald Jones-Sawyer	59 (South Los Angeles, Huntington Park)	916-319-2059	213-744-2111
Bill Quirk	20 (Fremont, Hayward, San Lorenzo, Union City, Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview)	916-319-2020	510-583-8818
Nancy Skinner	15 (Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, Piedmont, Pinole, El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo)	916-319-2015	510-286-1400
Mark Stone	29 (Santa Cruz County, Monterey County, southern San Jose)	916-319-2029	Santa Cruz: 831-425-1503 Monterey: 831-649-2832

SB 838 Call Script for Assembly Public Safety Committee:

Hello, my name is _____ and I am a constituent in your district. I am calling today to urge the Assembly Member to vote NO on SB 838, which would establish mandatory minimum sentencing for youth. The bill is scheduled to be heard before the Public Safety Committee on June 17.

I oppose this bill because [briefly explain why]. For example:

- Mandatory minimum sentences undermine the most fundamental principles of our juvenile justice system. Young people are amenable to rehabilitation, and are best served by individualized treatment and sanctions to best meet their needs and protect the public — not harsh, punitive, automatic sentences.
- This bill will not prevent sex offenses. There is no evidence that mandatory minimum sentences deter crime. Instead, counties will be forced to spend significant public resources on confining young people, instead of investing in their success.

Please pass on my strong opposition to SB 838 to the assembly member.

Thank you.