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Petitions Now Available to Stop SB 10, Coalition Announces

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (Sept. 12, 2018) — The coalition to Stop SB 10 — an ill-conceived and deceptively titled "bail reform" bill passed against overwhelming public opposition — announced today that petitions are now available to qualify its referendum for the November 2020 ballot.

The Stop SB 10 coalition consists of public safety leaders, concerned citizens, criminal justice reformers, crime victims' advocates and others who want voters to have final say on this important public safety issue.

According to the Essie Justice Group, SB 10 "will lead to more incarceration and entrench racial, gender and socioeconomic bias in our system."

While victims' advocate Marc Klaas says, "SB 10 will create a catch and release system that allows dangerous criminals back onto the street too quickly, making it impossible to facilitate victim guaranteed rights and protections, as it endangers innocent citizens."

"The fact is, SB 10 was radically amended at the last possible moment after languishing in the Legislature for months — and the end result was a disaster," said Nina Salerno, President of Crime Victims United, a member of the coalition. "As such, the final version of SB 10 was — and still is — strongly opposed by widely diverse groups, from District Attorneys and Public Defenders, to law enforcement and the ACLU.

"Despite this overwhelming opposition, the bill was rushed to the Governor for his signature — and the public's safety was disregarded in the process," said Salerno. "This referendum fixes that, by allowing California voters to have the final say."

The coalition has 90 days from the date the Governor signed the bill to collect 365,880 valid signatures from registered voters in California. If successful, the measure would appear before the voters in November 2020, and the new law would be halted from taking effect until the voters weigh in on it.

In addition to the signature drive, the coalition's new website was also launched this week. Supporters of the coalition can visit www.stopsb10.org to request a petition to stop SB 10.

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