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Governor Gavin Newsom Signs SB2, a Bill Supported By Players Coalition That Ends Absolute Immunity and Establishes Police Decertification

(CALIFORNIA) – Today, September 30th, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 2, a bill supported by members of the Players Coalition during the last legislative cycle.

[Players Coalition](#), a nonprofit founded by NFL players Anquan Boldin and Malcolm Jenkins, dedicated to making an impact on social justice and racial inequality, hosted a virtual discussion in August led by Black Lacrosse Alliance Advocate Jules Heningburg on the importance of passing California's SB2. The conversation featured the bill's author, Senator Steven Bradford (SD-35) and subject matter experts from Smart Justice California. The panel discussed the ways that decertification and ending absolute immunity would dramatically increase police accountability.

Players Coalition has advocated for previous legislative wins in the state, including last year's California Racial Justice Act, which allows people whose convictions were infected by racial bias to challenge these convictions and receive relief, and California Prop 17, which restored the right to vote for 50,000 Californians who have completed their prison term.

With the passage of the bill, California now joins 45 other states that make it illegal for an abusive police officer to be hired as police officers elsewhere. Players Coalition will continue fighting for increased police accountability in California and in other states.

About Players Coalition

Players Coalition is an independent 501c3 (charity) and 501c4 (advocacy) organization, working with professional athletes, coaches and owners across leagues to improve social justice and racial equality in our country.

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