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The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor of the State of California  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2320— Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown,

The California Civil Liberties Advocacy (“CCLA”) respectfully urges you to sign Assembly Bill 2320.

Currently there are gaps in the law made only because of the growth of new technology – Drones. This bill simply expands the law so that the same rules that affect every person shall apply to drones.

When laws are consistent, everyone wins. For the People, if the laws governing drones are consistent with the laws they’ve lived with in every other moment of their life, there is much less reason to accidentally break the law. When the law leaves these loopholes, the callous and the deceitful will take whatever advantage they can.

For the Courts adding new laws to new technology is difficult all by itself. What will constitute a drone? Under what conditions should the drone’s controller have been aware that they were going over a county line? When the statutory laws being created are consistent with the form of laws that already exist in case law, however, this is greatly simplified. When is a person stalking another with an unmanned aircraft -- a drone? The laws for stalking “includes a person who operates or uses an unmanned aircraft” to accomplish their goal. It is that simple. There shall be no need for the courts to argue over the matter, wasting their time and money

We can only estimate how many hours the courts will need to spend defining when a drone user is breaking the law. We can only estimate costs to the courts and thus every citizen in California. However, we can cut that short right here and now. We can add a simple definition to unmanned aircraft within our Codes of Law, declaring our intent to the world to add our common sense into the word of the law itself.

*“Indifference to personal liberty is but the precursor of the state’s hostility to it.”  
— Justice Kennedy, U.S. Supreme Court*

Based on the aforementioned reasons, the CCLA urges you to sign AB 2320.

Respectfully,

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