

**Governor Newsom**

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**Call Script:**

*My name is -*

*I am calling to ask Governor Newsom to please intervene and reverse the California Department of Health's current policy of forcing nursing homes to accept patients sick with the coronavirus. Nursing homes are proven to have very poor infection control, and house the population that is most susceptible to the virus: older people with serious underlying medical conditions. We have already seen what happens when the coronavirus arrives in nursing homes – countless deaths in Italy and Spain, and here in the US, disasters like what has happened at the Life Care Center in Kirkland, Washington.*

*Governor Newsom, please direct the state and its counties to try alternate plans, such as using empty hotels, empty schools, convention centers, or similar facilities where the infected can be cared for in isolation from the extremely vulnerable. Thank you.*