



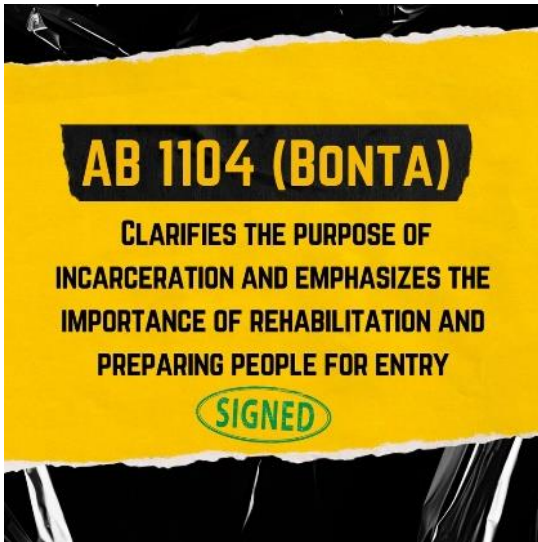
## Your support made our advocacy possible. Thank you.

With your partnership, FCLCA continued to bring a voice of conscience to the state budget process and weighed in on over 120 bills in 2023.

In a difficult budget year with significant projected deficits for the state's revenue, FCLCA and our partners advocated for a state budget that prioritized human needs, protecting California's expansion of the safety net, and promoting further efforts to reduce poverty. Reforming fees for publicly funded childcare, including eliminating fees for low-income families, was a major budget victory.

Our legislative priorities for bills in 2023 - the first year of a new two-year legislative session - included expanding tax credits for more families with children; addressing the root causes of homelessness and increasing affordable housing; healthcare for all; reducing toxins in our food, air and water; increasing corporations' accountability for climate change; sentencing reform; gun violence; immigrant rights; solitary confinement and other prison conditions. Below are a few highlights of the key bills FCLCA advocates weighed in on – thank you for making it possible!

### Criminal Justice Reform



FCLCA co-sponsored AB 1104, signed into law by the governor, which states that the deprivation of liberty satisfies all requirements for punishment, and that the purpose of incarceration is rehabilitation for the purpose of successful re-entry. It also lifts up the importance of community-based organizations in providing programming.

FCLCA also supported two other important bills which became “two-year” bills, meaning they can return in 2024. They are SB 94, which creates a

process for persons sentenced to life without parole to petition a court to take a second look at the prisoner's sentence, provided that the prisoner has served at least 25-years and the offense occurred before June 5, 1990, and AB 280, the California Mandela Act, which creates a clear definition of solitary confinement and places limits on its use.

SB 94 (Cortese) is a **modest reform** that allows judges to give a fresh look at life without parole sentences **that are at least 25 years old**.

SB 94 restores hope. It will provide incarcerated people with an incentive to participate in work programs and to work towards **rehabilitation and redemption**.

## Environment

### Harmful Chemicals Don't Belong in Food



Your support allowed FCLCA to weigh in on very important, even groundbreaking, environmental legislation this year that went on to become law.

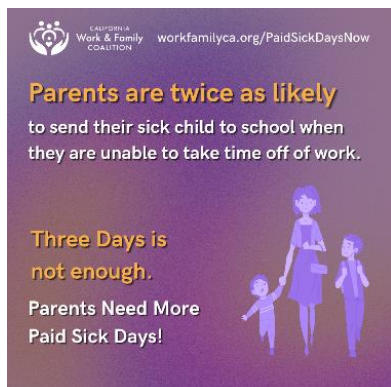
The “Climate Accountability Package,” which included the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act and the Climate-Related Financial Risk Act, requires an unprecedented level of reporting on climate impact from large corporations operating in our state. Another

groundbreaking, first of its kind bill signed by the governor was the California Food Safety Act, which banned four toxic chemicals added to foods.



## Economic Justice

FCLCA advocated with partners in the California Work and Family Coalition for SB 616, which will now expand paid sick days for workers from three days to five days.



We also supported two successful housing bills: SB 4 will streamline the process for religious institutions to build affordable housing on their property and SB 567, the Homelessness Prevention Act, provides renters with additional protection from evictions.



## Grassroots Advocacy

Constituents who communicate directly with their legislators are critical to getting good legislation passed. Your support in 2023 allowed us to mobilize members of the FCLCA Action Network who sent over 1,700 messages to Assembly Members, Senators, and the governor on key issues in response to action alerts.

Thank you for making a difference! To donate or learn more, visit [www.fclca.org](http://www.fclca.org)