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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Signature Request: AB 571 (Quirk-Silva) – California Environmental Quality Act:
Exemption: Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery**

Dear Governor Newsom,

I respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 571, which would exempt a proposed veterans' cemetery located in Gypsum Canyon from burdensome requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Throughout our nation's history, countless veterans have served in defense of our country. It is only appropriate that they should be buried with honor and dignity, and be recognized for their selfless service to our country. However, due to certain regulations established under the California Environmental Quality Act, developers of the Veterans' Cemetery in Gypsum Canyon will face regulatory roadblocks in their endeavor to build a suitable burial place for our community's heroes.

AB 571 is a commonsense measure that would help expedite the development of the Gypsum Canyon State Veterans Cemetery and ensure that these heroes who selflessly served our country, receive a proper and honorable place to be laid to rest.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your signature on AB 571. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (916) 651-4037.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steven S. Choi".

Steven Choi, Ph.D., Senator
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