



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 446 without my signature.

This measure would authorize the use of restorative justice programs, but the courts already have the authority to create such programs. While the provisions of this bill are well-intended, they create a clear expectation that our courts—already struggling with painful budget cuts--will establish a new program.

Given current budgetary constraints, the decision to adopt this kind of program is better left to the sound discretion of judges.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.