



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2035 without my signature.

Efforts have just gotten underway with the passage of this year's budget to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children, who are also victims of human trafficking. Much discussion and collaboration took place in developing the blueprint intended to aid these young boys and girls. In fact, the budget provides a growing proportion of funds for planning, prevention and intervention activities.

This bill, however, is premature. More investigation and discussion needs to take place before local authorities are in a solid position to curb the tragedy of young people who are forced to work under illegal and unacceptable conditions.

I am directing the Department of Social Services to assemble relevant parties to explore all avenues that can be pursued to alleviate this suffering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.