



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 447 without my signature.

Many state agencies already use a unique number, and not an individual's social security number, for identification purposes. But sometimes a social security number is used to determine eligibility for programs such as unemployment and disability benefits. On these occasions, federal and state laws provide numerous protections against identity theft and fraud, including how and when a document listing a person's social security number can be sent.

While I understand the author's intent to prevent identity theft, the additional prohibition in this bill would hinder the ability of state agencies to promptly and accurately provide information to run essential programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr.".

Edmund G. Brown Jr.