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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

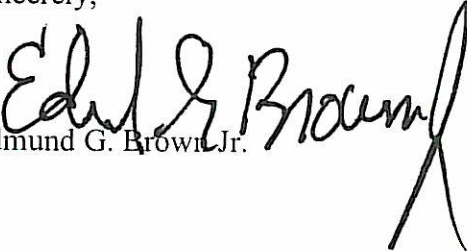
I am returning Assembly Bill 2346 without my signature.

California's current outdoor heat standards are the most stringent in the nation, and compliance with them has been improving each year—from a low of 32% in 2006 to more than 80% in 2012.

I am convinced that these standards should be improved, but this bill is flawed: it would create through legislation a new enforcement structure that would single out agricultural employers and burden the courts with private lawsuits. I believe the regulatory process is more flexible and the better way to improve standards for farm workers.

My administration stands ready to help, but ongoing litigation about past enforcement practices continues to drain resources away from improving the existing heat standards and ongoing enforcement.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.