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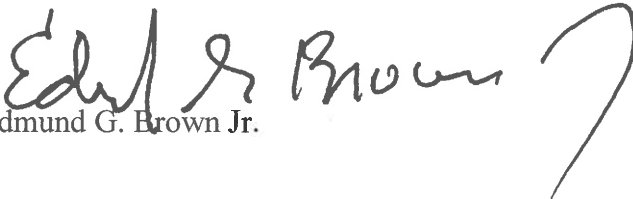
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2748 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the use of release clauses and limit the scope of waivers in settlements pertaining to the Exide Technologies facility and Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon gas storage facility.

This bill could eliminate the incentive for defendants to settle legal disputes stemming from these two unrelated incidents, something that clearly is not in the public interest. Nothing has been shown to indicate that current law is insufficient to hold polluters accountable. I would point to the many direct enforcement actions and lawsuits that have been filed on behalf of the state and affected communities.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.