



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1249 without my signature.

This bill would authorize a pilot program that would exempt risk-bearing provider groups taking on global risk from full licensure under the Knox-Keene Act. This proposed pilot project would undermine the fundamental purpose of the Knox-Keene Act by permitting such entities to operate in the State without providing the strong consumer protections guaranteed under the Act.

Therefore, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a large loop on the right side.

Gavin Newsom