



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 232 without my signature.

This bill increases the permissible heavy metal limit in recycled glass from 100 parts per million (ppm) to 200 ppm until January 1, 2024.

While I have been a strong supporter of increasing our recycling efforts in California, I do not believe we should risk potential exposure to toxic substances during the process.

This bill would allow increased heavy metal levels in glass packaging, which may result in unsafe toxic exposures. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have unequivocally stated that there is no safe level of lead exposure, especially for vulnerable populations like our children. We need to ensure that the food products we give to our children are in glass containers that are safe for consumption.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom