



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1477 without my signature.

This bill would adjust the distribution of civil penalties recovered by government entities in Unfair Competition Law actions.

This existing division is intended to ensure that both the city and county have resources to enforce consumer protection laws. This measure will revise longstanding practices and reduce the resources allocated to counties, putting in jeopardy important consumer protection services they provide.

I encourage the counties and cities impacted by this bill to work together to reach a resolution on this matter that is in the best interests of the public they serve.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

