



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1677 without my signature.

This bill would require call center employers that intend to relocate from California to a foreign country to notify the Labor Commissioner at least 120 days before the relocation. It would also impose penalties on companies that fail to provide the required notice and requires these specified call-center employers to forgo various state grants and tax credits for a period of five years. The bill would also significantly restrict the state's ability to contract with employers that conduct some of its call center operations outside of California.

While I am supportive of efforts to protect jobs in our state, I cannot support this bill. The significant penalties and restrictions proposed by this bill might dissuade businesses that have no intention of moving their operations from making any further investments in California – which could hurt, not help, California workers.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom