



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1816, which requires insurers to provide at least a 75-day notice of a nonrenewal of a homeowner's insurance policy and raises the limit on homeowner insurance claims covered by the California Insurance Guarantee Association (CIGA) to \$1 million. This bill also allows insurers who voluntarily write policies for properties in High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the State Responsibility Area and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) in Local Responsibility Areas to be proportionately relieved of their responsibility to participate in the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan.

Data recently published by the California Department of Insurance indicates that the number of policy nonrenewals is on the rise. While the enactment of this bill may help some homeowners, it does not do enough to address the full scope of the issue. We must do more. I look forward to working with the Legislature and the Insurance Commissioner next year on additional solutions.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom

