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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 684 without my signature.

This bill would require the Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development to propose mandatory building standards for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure for existing multifamily dwellings and nonresidential developments.

I agree with the intent of this bill to increase inclusive access to EV charging technology for Californians living in multifamily housing, which is necessary to increase the number of zero emission vehicles on the road.

However, I believe this issue is best addressed administratively in order to balance our charging infrastructure objectives with our efforts to expand affordable housing. Therefore, I am directing the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and propose a building standard that would increase the availability of EV charging infrastructure at existing multifamily properties, while limiting costs for affordable housing.

California can combat climate change while addressing our housing crisis. We must advance strategies to achieve both goals.

Sincerely,

  
Gavin Newsom

