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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 734 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Social Services to establish a pilot program in five counties to provide additional supports and services to resource families.

While I appreciate the intent of this bill to improve the ability of resource families to care for the children entrusted to them, I am unable to sign this measure. This proposal should be considered in the context of 2011 realignment which shifted responsibility for child welfare services and foster care to the counties, continued implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform, and the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom