



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 792 without my signature.

While I support strong minimum recycled content standards, late amendments to this bill would result in a costly, burdensome process that undermines the worthy intent of this legislation.

The waiver petitions allowed under this bill would put the burden on the state to prove to manufacturers that their products can meet recycling goals, rather than making clear that manufacturers have the responsibility to create products that can meet these goals.

As we work together on next steps to evolve the California Beverage Container Recycling Program to meet the realities of recycling today, minimum recycled content standards should be established to support markets and expand remanufacturing. However, they must be established in a meaningful way that ensures the standards can be achieved.

I look forward to working with the Legislature and stakeholders to accomplish our shared goals.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

