



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 944 without my signature.

This bill would require counties to annually renew certain eligible sponsored noncitizens' status as "indigent" in order to maintain their eligibility for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs).

At a time when immigrant populations are repeatedly targeted by the federal government, it is important for California to support its residents. However, this legislation would result in significant General Fund costs, and the proposal should be considered through the state's annual budget process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a large, stylized, abstract graphic element that resembles a signature or a large letter 'G'.

Gavin Newsom