



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 35 without my signature,

This bill would reestablish the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery (California ACTS) for the purpose of gathering data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in California.

This bill's goals are laudable, and I share the author and proponents' concerns around the scourge of human trafficking in California. Through this year's budget we have invested in services for victims of trafficking, as well as studies on the scope of the problem in certain high incidence counties.

However, any new or reconstituted taskforce such as the one envisioned by the bill should be considered and evaluated through the budget process, not standalone legislation.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom