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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1161 without my signature.

This bill would exempt wave basins and other artificial wave attractions from all laws and regulations governing public swimming pools and aquatic attractions, and instead, would establish its own standards for the operation and maintenance of wave basins.

While I strongly support the development of new entertainment and sporting venues, this bill lacks necessary public health and safety protections. It would exempt wave basins from a number of health and safety regulations, including worker protections overseen by the Department of Industrial Relations. I encourage the Legislature to work with the Department of Industrial Relations and the Department of Public Health to ensure that regulatory changes to address emerging artificial wave technologies include appropriate safety standards and oversight.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom