To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 472 without my signature.

This bill would make it unlawful for a person to intentionally use or sell software or services to avoid a security control or measure used to ensure an equitable campsite reservation making process.

This bill is unnecessary as the Department of Parks and Recreation has implemented several security measures to ensure an equitable reservation process. These measures include tools such as ReCAPTCHA (select all the pictures with a traffic light), as well as policies to cancel reservations that were not made for personal use, and to terminate accounts that participate in unlawful and prohibited activities. These security measures have led to the elimination of bot access.

While I understand the author's intent, individuals have difficulty making campsite reservations due to the high demand for a limited number of sites - there is no evidence of software or services being used to circumvent the reservation system.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom