



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2611 without my signature.

This bill would create a new "California family-owned business" definition for use in future provisions of the law. However, it does not provide a purpose for this definition or identify an intended program or policy for its application.

As a family business owner myself, I am proud of the contributions family-owned businesses provide to our local communities and the state. My Administration is a strong advocate for developing, supporting, and retaining businesses in California, with a particular focus on small and underserved business groups, including those owned by women, minorities, veterans, as well as businesses in lower income, rural, and disaster-impacted communities. Many of these businesses are also family-owned.

I am not convinced that the definition created in this bill is needed to continue the important work, in partnership with the Legislature, to ensure that our California family-owned businesses thrive. For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

