



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing the following bills to provide relief to victims of recent wildfires, despite costs that are not contemplated in the current budget framework:

- Assembly Bill 1249
- Senate Bill 1246

These bills allow wildfire victims to exclude from their taxable income any amounts received from settlement claims resulting from the 2015 Butte Fire, 2017 North Bay Fires, 2017 Thomas Fire, 2018 Woolsey Fire, or 2018 Camp Fire. I believe this is a righteous policy that will provide wildfire victims with the full value of the settlements they receive to compensate them for the losses and distress they suffered from these devastating fires.

The Legislature approved these bills with an overwhelming, bipartisan vote. In signing this bill, I expect that building the associated revenue reductions of over \$200 million into the budget framework is equally supported. In the future, measures such as this should be included as part of the Budget Act.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

