



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1896 without my signature.

This bill would require a licensed gamete bank to provide specified information, verbally and in writing, to individuals obtaining donor gametes in order to conceive a child, and to individuals donating gametes in the state. The bill also requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to develop the information and guidance in consultation with specified experts and stakeholders and establish penalties for violations of these requirements.

While I appreciate the author's intent to provide information to donors, gamete recipients, and donor-conceived individuals to improve their long-term health and welfare, I am concerned that the bill would have limited impact. This bill would only apply to the fraction of the assisted-reproductive technology industry that operates in California and only covers some of the providers that offer these services.

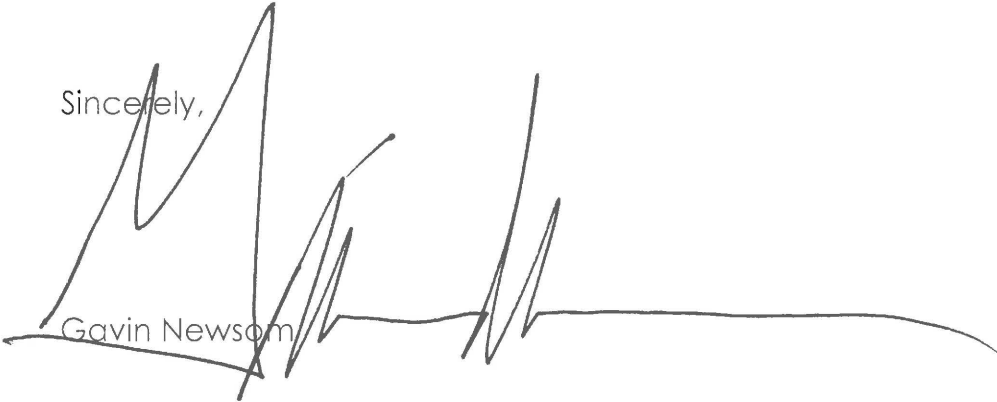
This bill, while well intended in mitigating potential psychosocial harms to donor-conceived people, would come at significant cost to the state with minimal effect on educating its intended audience. CDPH would require resources to hire personnel with the necessary qualifications and expertise to recruit subject matter experts, conduct research, and produce the informational materials, and promulgate regulations to establish penalties. These requirements would create additional cost pressure on the Tissue Bank License Fund, which is



currently operating at a structural deficit, and may exacerbate the fund's structural imbalance.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gavin Newsom". The signature is stylized with several sharp, upward-pointing strokes and a long horizontal line extending to the right. The name "Gavin Newsom" is printed in a simple, sans-serif font directly beneath the signature.

Gavin Newsom