



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2283 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in a new or existing proceeding, to undertake a comprehensive review of actions taken by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) that materially and adversely affected the value of PG&E stock.

The victims of wildfires whose claims for compensation were caught up in PG&E's bankruptcy deserve protection and support, which is why my Administration participated in that bankruptcy proceeding to ensure that the victims' voices would be heard in that process. I worked with the Legislature to enact AB 1054 (Holden, 2019), which required PG&E to reach an agreement to compensate wildfire victims before it could exit bankruptcy. I also worked with the Legislature to enact SB 350 (Hill, 2020), to hold PG&E accountable for making the investments and organizational changes necessary to transform it into a utility that is reliable and accountable to its customers and to all Californians.

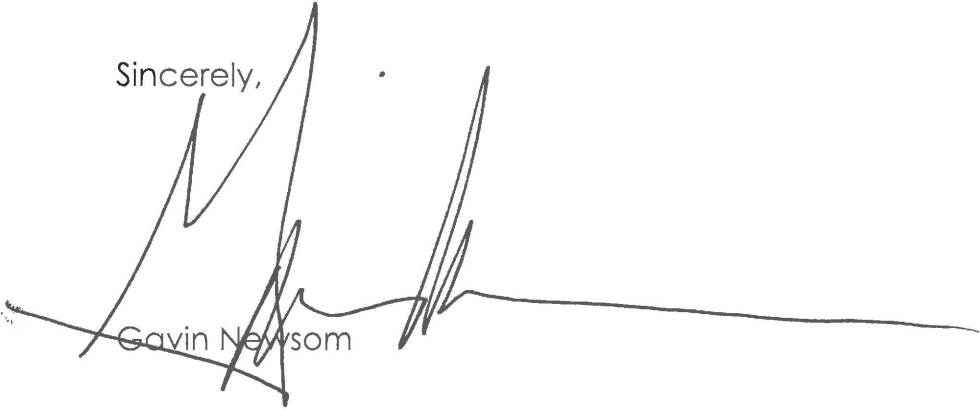
This year, I signed SB 1246 (Stern) and AB 1249 (Gallagher), which provide direct relief to wildfire victims by excluding from taxable income the amounts victims received from settlement claims resulting from the 2015 Butte Fire, 2017 North Bay Fires, 2017 Thomas Fire, 2018 Woolsey Fire, or 2018 Camp Fire. While I appreciate and share the author's motivation, it is not clear this bill would help the wildfire victims. In addition, the CPUC does not have the internal expertise to evaluate how utility corporate behavior impacts a utility's stock value, which



would require it to retain outside experts to complete a proceeding on this topic, at significant costs to ratepayers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several sharp, angular strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Gavin Newsom'. The signature is positioned to the right of the word 'Sincerely,' and extends horizontally across the page.

Gavin Newsom