



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2784 without my signature. This bill establishes minimum recycled content requirements for thermoform plastic containers and allows CalRecycle to collect administrative penalties if a producer does not meet the minimum content requirements.

I strongly support efforts to advance California's transition to a circular economy. Earlier this year, I signed SB 54, which is the most significant overhaul of California's plastic and packaging recycling policy in state history, and goes further than any other state on cutting plastics production at the source. However, I am concerned this bill imposes confusing requirements in conflict with some of SB 54's key provisions, which could unfairly result in duplicative fees and penalties for the same material.

SB 54 was specifically designed to create a comprehensive regulatory framework for all recycled materials, in lieu of piecemeal approaches for individual products. With this objective in mind, we should allow CalRecycle to begin its work to implement the reforms required by SB 54 before contemplating any new recycling requirements for individual materials.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a printed name. The signature is stylized and overlaps the printed name.

Gavin Newsom

