



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 364 without my signature.

This bill requires all foreign labor contractors to meet the same requirements as nonagricultural labor contractors, including to register with the California Labor Commissioner, pay a fee, and post a bond.

Many foreign labor contractors are already regulated through federal and state agencies and this bill would create a redundant process for many of the contractors covered by this bill. For example, California already has its own program requiring farm labor contractors to be licensed by the Labor Commissioner's Office.

Additionally, while supportive of a broader purpose to protect foreign laborers from human trafficking and other abuses, this bill creates uncertainty by bringing within the scope of foreign labor contractor regulation visa programs that would not normally be considered worker visa programs, such as intracompany transfers of foreign workers to the U.S.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom

