



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 834 without my signature.

This bill allows the Franchise Tax Board to revoke the tax-exempt status of a nonprofit, charitable organization if the California Attorney General determines the organization has engaged in treason, insurrection, conspiracy, government overthrow, or mutiny by members of the military.

Without question, extremist groups that participate in anti-government acts such as those that took place during the insurrection on January 6, 2021 should be renounced and investigated for their participation. However, these are issues that should be evaluated through the judicial system with due process and a right to a hearing.

For these reasons, I am returning SB 834 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom