OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1612 without my signature.

This bill would authorize a licensed primary care clinic to construct or acquire certain primary care clinic facilities and deem those new facilities to be in compliance with the minimum construction standards of adequacy and safety.

I support the author's goal to encourage expansion of primary care clinics to increase their capacity to provide care. However, this bill removes important health and safety protections for patients, clinic staff, and the public. Every primary care clinic, regardless of location, should meet the applicable state licensing standards and building codes. This bill exempts certain facilities from those safety measures.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom