OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 37 without my signature.

This bill would expand what qualifies as an allowable use of campaign funds for security-related expenses.

While I support the author's intention, the bill as drafted does not clearly define "security expenses." Without more guidance on what would or would not be allowed as a legitimate use of campaign funds, this bill could have unintended consequences and could lead to use of political donations for expenditures far beyond what any reasonable donor would expect. We must ensure political donations are utilized in a manner consistent with their intended purpose.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom