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To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 407 without my signature.

This bill would exempt used oil from state regulation as a hazardous waste if it meets the testing, certification, and record-keeping requirements for highly controlled used oil.

Despite meeting certain purity standards, highly controlled used oil is still a hazardous material requiring oversight to mitigate public health and environmental concerns. While I appreciate the author's intent to provide used oil generators with alternative pathways to more sustainable recycling options, this bill undermines the ability of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to investigate and prove violations of improper used oil management practices.

I encourage the author to work with the DTSC to develop strategies to achieve recyclability of used oil that are consistent with state health and environmental standards.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom