OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 429 without my signature.

This bill codifies vehicle inspection requirements for transportation network companies (TNCs) and requires TNCs to compensate certain drivers for their time spent completing a vehicle inspection. The bill also specifically authorizes TNC vehicle inspections to be completed remotely or virtually.

While I appreciate the intent of the author to make it easier for drivers to comply with the existing vehicle inspection requirements, this bill may weaken these requirements, which are purposefully designed to protect public, driver and passenger safety.

Last year I vetoed legislation that would have authorized similar provisions. At that time, I encouraged the author of that bill to work with the CPUC to clearly identify and address any issues or safety improvements. I continue to believe that is the most appropriate approach for addressing these types of safety matters.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom