



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1826 without my signature.

This bill makes minor changes to the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (DIVCA).

Two years ago, I signed Senate Bill 28 (2021), which also made minor reforms to DIVCA. In signing that bill I encouraged the Legislature to go further on DIVCA reform. Last year, I vetoed a similar bill, Assembly Bill 41, which also sought to amend DIVCA. At that time, I expressed the need for more substantial reforms that would genuinely increase digital equity in our state.

Unfortunately, this bill, like its predecessor, falls short of addressing the broader challenges we face in closing the Digital Divide.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Gavin Newsom", is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with long, sweeping strokes.

Gavin Newsom

