



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2038 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the California Department of Parks and Recreation from requiring special event permits, and associated fees, for outdoor recreation programming within the State Park System for groups of up to 30 people, as specified.

This bill is premature given the legislation I signed last year, Assembly Bill 1150 (Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife, 2023), which expanded and enhanced access to the State Park System for underserved park users, including free and reduced-cost access through the use of "community access agreements" with nonprofit organizations.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom