



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2093 without my signature.

This bill extends the California College Promise program's potential term of eligibility by an additional two academic years for first-time community college students and returning community college students who matriculate into upper-division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree program.

I admire the author's commitment to college affordability. Unfortunately, this bill could create significant ongoing and increasing General Fund cost pressures and was not included in the 2024 Budget Act. Further, community college students pursuing baccalaureate degrees may receive a California College Promise Grant, a Cal Grant, or a Middle Class Scholarship award if they meet eligibility requirements.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

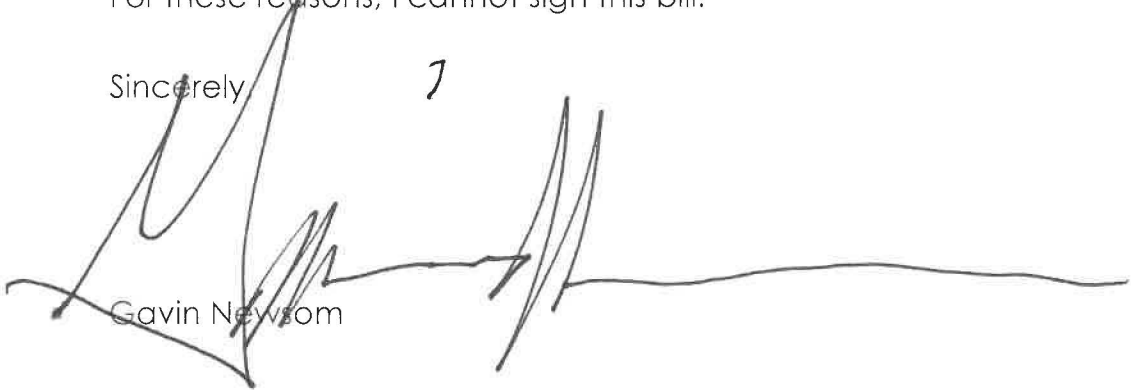


For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

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Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line extending to the right.