



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2681 without my signature.

This bill would make it an infraction to manufacture, modify, sell, transfer, or operate a robotic device equipped or mounted with a weapon.

I support the author's intent to prohibit the weaponization of an emerging technology and place common sense restrictions on potentially dangerous devices. However, this bill would also prohibit beneficial law enforcement use of such devices. For example, when confronted with armed and barricaded suspects, law enforcement agencies sometimes use remotely operated robots to deploy less-lethal force to drive these suspects into the open or protect officers from dangerous suspects.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom

