



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2787 without my signature.

This bill would adopt an exemption, until January 1, 2028, from the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Standards) solar ready and battery storage system installation requirements for residential buildings damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster.

The solar ready requirement is an innovative and forward-leaning policy that requires new residential buildings to install a minimum amount of cost-effective solar photovoltaic capacity to reduce homeowner energy costs, improve energy resiliency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Extending this exemption would nullify these positive outcomes and instead would increase homeowner energy costs. This exemption also undermines the energy resiliency of homes, especially those in high-fire risk areas, and increases greenhouse gas emissions. Further, this exemption is overly broad and would not assist those disaster victims who are the most disadvantaged.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,


Gavin Newsom

