



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**SEP 27 2024**

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1213 without my signature.

This bill would increase the income eligibility limit from 200 to 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for services provided through the Every Woman Counts Program and the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program, beginning July 1, 2026.

I am supportive of the intent of this bill, which is to increase eligibility for no-cost, breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnostic services, and treatment. However, while I commend the author for her continued work to increase access to women's health care, this bill would require ongoing expenditures of millions of dollars from the General Fund that should be considered in the annual budget process.

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 this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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