



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1337 without my signature.

This bill modifies what must be included in state referenda petitions, including a requirement to list the top five contributors on the actual petition. The bill further requires that this list be updated, and the petition reprinted, within five business days any time there is a change to the top five contributors.

While I share the author's goal of increasing transparency in our elections system, these changes are overly burdensome and may have the unintended consequence of making our state referendum process less accessible.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom

