



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 571 without my signature.

This bill would require the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LUCI) to conduct a study, prepare recommendations, and produce a report that evaluates potential improvements to state standards for ingress and egress and evacuation routes for use in the event of a natural disaster.

My Administration understands and takes seriously the dangers that wildfires pose to our state. This is why I have worked with the Legislature, as well as through an Executive Order, to better prepare Californians against fire risk. I remain committed to advancing wildfire safety efforts; however, this bill requires ongoing funding and 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.

In addition, the regulatory authority for wildfire ingress and egress requirements lies with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, which only recently updated the Minimum Fire Safety Regulations.



For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gavin Newsom", written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large initial "G" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.