



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1326 without my signature.

This bill states an individual has the right to wear a mask in public spaces and workplaces for the purpose of protecting their health or the public's health, except under specified situations.

I appreciate the author's goal of ensuring Californians may wear a mask for public health reasons, but I am not convinced this measure is necessary. Existing law appears sufficient to allow a person to wear a mask for health reasons in most public situations. This bill creates a sweeping new policy with numerous exceptions, and may create confusion about the application of existing state and federal legal protections.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom