



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 643 without my signature.

This bill would require, among other things, the California Air Resources Board to establish and administer the Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) Purchase Program as a competitive grant process for eligible carbon dioxide removal projects within the state and, between July 1, 2026, and December 31, 2035, to fund CDR projects in an amount totaling \$50 million.

Deploying CDR technologies and projects is an increasingly necessary strategy to achieve our 2045 carbon neutrality goal, and it is why I signed Senate Bill 905 (Caballero) in 2022 as part of that year's Climate Action Package, to support the development and growth of these technologies. Additionally, I recently signed Senate Bill 840 (Limón), which provides for a continuous appropriation from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund of \$85 million per year for climate-focused innovation that may include CDR technologies. I also recently signed Senate Bill 614 (Stern), which allows for the construction of safe carbon dioxide pipelines throughout the state to transport this greenhouse gas from where it is captured and removed to areas where it can be permanently sequestered.

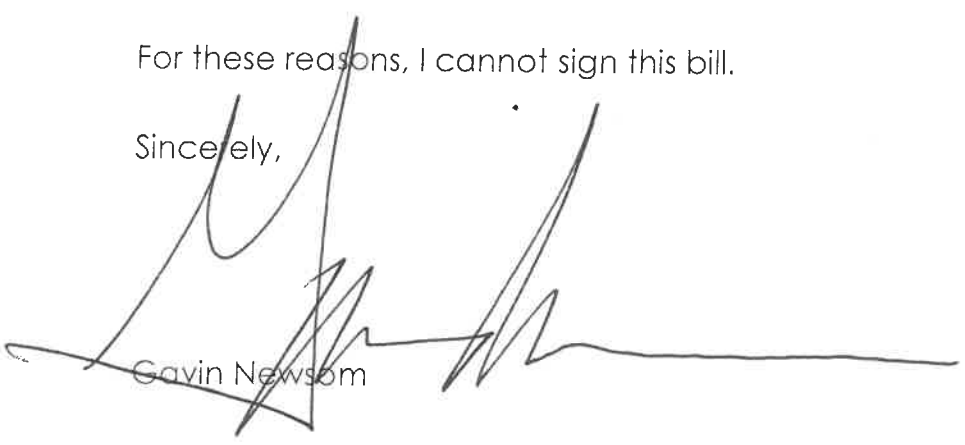
While I applaud the author for her continued leadership in this area, given recent efforts to advance CDR technologies and projects, the program created by this bill is duplicative and not accounted for in this year's budget. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal

government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Gavin Newsom", is written over the printed name and extends across the middle of the page.