



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**OCT 13 2025**

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 771 without my signature.

This bill seeks to hold social media platforms liable for algorithms that relay content violating specified California civil rights laws to their users.

I support the author's goal of ensuring that our nation-leading civil rights laws apply equally both online and offline. I likewise share the author's concern about the growth of discriminatory threats, violence, and coercive harassment online. I am concerned, however, that this bill is premature. Our first step should be to determine if, and to what extent, existing civil rights laws are sufficient to address violations perpetrated through algorithms. To the extent our laws prove inadequate, they should be bolstered at that time.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

