



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 791 without my signature.

This bill authorizes car dealers to increase the document processing fee they can charge a customer from \$85 to 1 percent of the total price of the vehicle, up to \$260, until January 1, 2031.

At a time when Californians are already struggling with the high cost of living, this bill would raise the document processing fee to three times the current \$85 cap — far beyond what an inflation adjustment would justify. With no new state requirements and increasingly streamlined DMV processes, consumers could be charged hundreds more for only minutes of data entry.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

