



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 690, which eliminates the private right of action under the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA) for violations of the pen register and trap-and-trace statute arising from conduct occurring on an internet website, online application, or mobile application.

This measure addresses the vexatious use of CIPA lawsuits and demand letters to extract settlement money from small businesses that unwittingly install software on their websites that at times have tracked and shared the information of visitors to the site. I applaud the author's efforts and align myself with the goal of protecting small businesses from overzealous lawsuits based on a statute written without today's complex technological landscape in mind. However, additional work in this area is needed, as CIPA contains other decades-old statutes that are also susceptible to abuse by overly aggressive litigants. I urge the Legislature to take this on next year to ensure a fair balance between protecting private information and preventing rapacious litigation.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

